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Zinni key for Juve

Flying forward Andrew Zinni is receiving daily treatment as Brunswick-Juventus prepares for the Southern Division grand final on Sunday.

Its opponent will be either Makedonia or Hellas, which meet in the preliminary final at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30 pm.

Juventus needs Zinni to offset the loss of Peter Lewis and John Dowie who both are suspended for Sunday's grand final.

Similarly, Hellas has lost Gary McDowell (suspended and injured) and John Yzendoorn (injured) for tonight's match against Makedonia.

In the Northern Division, Sydney Hakoah is back at full strength after the return of John Kosmina. Its opponent in the grand final on Sunday will be either Marconi or Sydney Croatia.

Although apprehensive about Juventus's chances on Sunday without Dowie and Brown who were faultless against Hellas last Sunday, coach John Margaritis said:

"We deserve to represent Victoria in the national final. We've got the record on the board, having beaten Hellas twice this year, and also having beaten the other top teams. It will be hard, though, without Brown and Dowie. The defence is the strong point of our team, and now we've had the heart ripped out of it."

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"Everything now depends on Zinni getting over his injury. With Zinni back in the team, we can patch it up."

"I would go into attack. Robbie Cullen would drop back into midfield, and perhaps Mike Petersen would play as sweeper."

Zinni, who scored in the semi-final victory over Heidelberg-Alexander, is having daily ultra-sound treatment for torn ligaments in his thigh.

"I'm also on tablets to bring down the swelling, so I'm really hoping it will clear up by Sunday," Zinni said.

The Juventus players have been promised a trip to Italy — for a possible match against Juventus of Turin — as incentive to win the national championship.

Club president Tony Schiavello has a group of Italian businessmen willing to sponsor the trip.

Makedonia hopes to have Gary Cole back after injury for tonight's match against Hellas.

The team that enters the finals in fifth place — whatever sport it may be — is considered to have no hope of landing the championship. Makedonia is on course to disprove that theory.

McDowell confirmed he would be missing from the team tonight. "I tore a calf muscle in the first half and I really should have let John Kanesolu come on earlier. I tried to run it off, but it didn't work."

"What's more, I'm also suspended because I was shown the yellow card."

McDowell said Manny Anezakis probably would play as sweeper, and Vlado Bozinovski would take a midfield position.



Andrew Zinni



• Peter Tsolakis (left) of Heidelberg - Alexander and George Petrov of Makedonia received praise from Soccerco coach Frank Arok for their semi-final performances. See page 2. Picture: LES SHORROCK

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CEDO CIRKOVIC

'I'll quit'-Margaritis

Juventus coach John Margaritis has added his voice to the call for a 14-team National League.

National coach Frank Arok backed the concept last week.

Margaritis said: "If the NSL competition remains the same next year, I might go to Greece or England and have a walk. I would not be keen enough. If the format does change, I'll stay, of course. My contract with Juventus runs out at the end of the year, but there's no reason to leave the club if we have a working league."

"I want to see six teams for Melbourne, six from Sydney and maybe two from Adelaide."

"Also, the federation should stop minor teams playing on Sundays, in opposition to NSL games. Count up all the Greek and Italian fans who go to minor games on Sunday, and put them all into Olympic



John Margaritis

Park or Middle Park for Juventus or Hellas matches, and you'd be sure of getting good crowds."

"I had a 14-team league, and Hellas played in Sydney, while Juventus played at home, say, Marconi, we'd get some of the Greeks to watch us, which also would help."

"The way it is now, we are going backwards."

Australian international striker Hans Krankl was offered to Juventus as a guest player earlier this year, but the club

didn't take him. Under a different league format, however, Juventus would sign a big-name guest star, Margaritis said.

If the current format is retained, clubs will have to cut players' wages and make up for dwindling gate takings, he added.

"For less money, the players won't do the same work and they won't maintain as high a standard. All of soccer then would go down."

Despite the strong push for a 14-team league, however, a series of State-based super leagues appears politically more likely. The ASF would resist moves to dump the Brisbane clubs, but would not object to a super league being established in each State, with national play-offs at the end.

But if enough clubs are willing and financially able to compete in a 14-team elite national league, politics should not be allowed to prevent them from doing so.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

but apparently he can't get enough time off from his Belgian club, Cercle Bruges.

Arok wants more than a basic World Cup squad for the coming campaign, because he has to field additional teams against China on September 23 in Canberra and September 25, probably in Sydney, although that game originally was scheduled for Newcastle.

The full World Cup squad will play in the third match against China in Brisbane on September 27, but only reserves will take part in the other two games.

The Socceros return from Auckland on September 22.

The next World Cup games will be: October 10: v Israel in Tel Aviv, October 20: v Israel in Melbourne, October 23: v Taiwan in Adelaide, October 27: v Taiwan in Perth, November 8: v New Zealand in Melbourne or Sydney.

If they win the Oceania group, the Socceros will play home and away against Spain, Scotland or Wales for a spot among the 24 finalists in Mexico next year.

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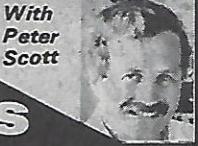
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SAINTS HIT BACK

IN FOCUS



The Enigma of Soper

He is undoubtedly talented, can be immensely exciting and is adored by his club's supporters.

Marshall Soper has the "raw material" to be a shining star in Australia's soccer's rather lack lustre constellation.

Unfortunately — and in spite of his occasional exploits on behalf of the Socceroos — the tanky striker is becoming one of the least liked personalities in the game. The truth is alone.

Soper's theatrics are almost every hard challenge by opponents, his extended bouts of writhing and agonising followed seconds later by a complete absence of "symptoms" serve to incite his club's supporters and infuriate opponents.

I recommend to young Marshall that he spend some time in front of a TV set during the off-season studying the behaviour of the true greats of the game overseas. A bit of rigorous self-examination of his behaviour pattern could see him rise to true greatness in Australia and beyond, instead of the current bout of flickle adulation on the part of a section of his club's followers alone.

Indeed, he could gain the respect which is the just reward of the true greats of any sport.

Laid back

Talk about a laid back personality, Olympic's Simon Ogun definitely qualifies.

A lovely player with silky smooth skills, the British import now gracing Olympic has definite preferences about interviews with the media: "Call me in the afternoon, as I usually sleep in until noon," he said.

Meanwhile, back in the real world...

Deja Vu

Soccer's power brokers probably only buy "Soccer Action" to look at the

Leave our names alone!

SIR — In regards to Les Murray's article on Page 4 of "Soccer Action" of August 14 titled "Sheean's Jigsaw Puzzle", I would like to make the following comments. I do not claim to have all the pieces to the puzzle but here is perhaps one.

I feel that one reason the soccer crowds are being driven away from the international meetings is the fact that they will no longer stand the discriminatory politics of the Australian Soccer Federation which at a whim, will bend rules for its own convenience regarding relegation or promotion of clubs and which changes our club names while ignoring the ethnic backing behind these clubs.

The supporters will also no longer stand the discriminatory attitudes of SBS Television and certain journalists and commentators who, for whatever reasons known only to themselves, seem to revere the chosen few while ignoring the other clubs in the N.S.L. and yet these same people are surprised at the dwindling attendances.

The soccer supporters refuse to be used as pawns by these soccer authorities who only pay attention to the supporters when the question of profit arises. For one and many supporters, both from my own club Makedonia and from other clubs, will continue to stay away from these games until the Australian Soccer Federation and the media come to their senses and start to respect and recognise the wishes and rights of the soccer supporters whom they depend for attendances and success of these international meetings.

Regarding the media, we the supporters, feel that SBS is concerned only with a handful of clubs, as has been demonstrated by this season's Match of the Day. We have come to the conclusion that perhaps the powers and compere of this program have been forbidden to mention certain ethnic names as has been demonstrated by the fact that some clubs are referred to by their ethnic names while other clubs have been quite verbal in indicating by which name they want their clubs known.

Since Mr. Murray, for one, has finally realised that soccer in this country is made up of "pockets of ethnic groups" then he, as compere of Match of the Day, should treat all clubs equally if he is truly concerned about the survival of soccer in this country.

In my opinion only "Soccer Action" works for the benefit of soccer, by its complete coverage of all games and by its recognition of the ethnic communities backing the clubs. For this, we the supporters are most grateful.

Perhaps other readers could send in their ideas to try to complete "Sheean's Jigsaw Puzzle".

— A. TALEVSKI, Nunawading, Vic.

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PAUL JONES THE HERO OF MINSK



• Russian midfielder Valerius Ivanavskoe (right) is about to miss one of his country's many scoring chances against Australia in their 0-0 draw in Minsk in the World Youth Championships. The onlookers are Australian goalkeeper Paul Jones, sweeper Robert Hooker (left) and left back Angie Pastecogou.

Australian goalkeeper Paul Jones was the hero of his country's stunning 0-0 draw with host nation Russia, in the opening round of the 1985 World Youth Championships in Minsk.

It defuses the available thin veneer of talent among 24 clubs, instead of the previous 16, would you believe? Unless my memory serves me poorly, yours truly and a number of my colleagues said exactly the same thing a couple of years ago when so-called marketing wizards were about to foist the current lunatic set-up in the public.

Then it was considered nothing better than stirring, now these sentiments are starting to take on the authority of a sermon on mount.

Does anyone still wonder why soccer's administration has a credibility rating somewhere around the level of the Soviet politburo or a Latin banana republic?

Melbourne woes

In the meantime, my advice to South Melbourne Hellas boss Jim Diamataris is to put more thought into looking for reasons behind the enormous drop in attendances in his bailiwick, other than the lack of interstate clashes.

For one thing, many of the attendance figures in the southern capital over the last year or so are much relative to results as Hans Christian Andersen's famous fairytales. To compound the problem, where are the famous talents of yesteryear?

As a frequent visitor to Melbourne in decades past I can't help but compare the "stars" of today with those of the sixties, for instance. Just as in Sydney, the current crop does not stand up to scrutiny when it comes to skill and entertainment value.

This is the cause of the disappearance of supporters and until this reality is faced squarely and tackled effectively, the timber of the world by well-meaning administrators and even by highly paid dilettantes will not put things right.

Nigeria's Flying Eagles looked anything but predatory

"They were bloody good — really tough and quick," Hooker said.

Shoulder believed that if there is one thing his team has it is spirit and doggedness.

"I think something no other team has is the Aussie fighting spirit," Shoulder said.

Canada's Coach Bob Bearpark admitted after the match

despite their 2-0 victory over Canada in the other Group C match.

The Africans disappointed those fans hoping for a skilled, enterprising display, instead relying on a counter-attacking game to hit the Canaries.

While they produced the result the Nigerians were hoping for, it provided a tepid encounter which left the small crowd disappointed.

The Africans' task was

made much easier with a goal after only 20 seconds and a second in the 77th minute after what looked like a suspect off-side decision.

Canada's Coach Bob Bear-

park admitted after the match

that his side's lack of technical skill was its downfall.

An interested observer in the stand was Shoulder, who admitted that what he had seen heartened him.

RESULTS in the first day:

GROUP "A": Hungary 0 Colombia 2 (half-time 0-0) Scorers: Hungary — Attila Pinter (59th minute), Janos Zsinka (85). Colombia — Andres Perea (88), Bedoya Rodriguez (88).

GROUP "B": Ireland 1 Brazil 2 (0-1) Scorers: Ireland — Marcus Tuote (86); Brazil — Carlos Balao (20), Marco Dida (80).

GROUP "C": Nigeria 2 (0-1) Scorers: Nigeria — Levente Ondra (1), Samson Siasia (78). Soviet Union 0 Australia 0.

GROUP "D": England 2 Paraguay 2 (0-0) Scorers: England — David Wakeman (16), Nicky Wood (32), Peter Cartman (38); Roberto Sanchez (74).

Chile 1 Mexico 3 (0-3) Scorers: Chile — Luis Loa (68), Mexico — Angel Garcia (10), Carlesca Abella (30, 46).

Mexico 0 England 2 (0-2) Scorers: England — Peter Cartman (38), Roberto Sanchez (74).

Paraguay 0 France 2 (0-2) Scorers: France — Jorge Cartman (38), Roberto Sanchez (74).

Nothing soothes more than nostalgia. And if you'll pardon the gentle jab at soccer journalists, not to mention the people we so readily quote, few things are more entertaining than headlines which, in hindsight, smack of juicy irony.

Here are some of the better ones from 1885.

ROSEBUDS STABLE AND OPTIMISTIC — referring to the year ahead for Newcastle who finished last.

WALLACE IS CONFIDENT — poor Wallace is now gone and so it seems is his former Penrith.

WOLVES BOSS PLANS IMPROVEMENT — the same Wolves who barely escaped the drop.

IT'S A VITAL YEAR FOR SOCCER — please copy and insert at the start of 1986.

APIA TOSS OLYMPIC — it's funny but they did, back in January, 2-1, in the Ampol Cup.

GOALS GALORE BUT EGAN FEARS WORST — referring to Charlie's scepticism about being recalled in the national team. Two months later he withdrew, voluntarily in a blaze of publicity.

McCULLOCH SLAMS BORING MARCONI — Tommy Mac, whose Apia finished fourth last, slamming his former boring club who finished third.

SPAT ON AND DROPPED — THE END FOR CAMPBELL — the same Jimmy Campbell who was still in the Melbourne Croatia line-up last week.

Nostalgia is even more interesting, and more ironic, when one tracks back further in time and traverses the wider field of world football.

Recently, flipping through the corroded pages of an old

World Soccer magazine, I came across an editorial.

Let me reproduce some of it.

"Stanley Matthews has said he will retire from League football next April . . .

"In any age his genius would have been obvious; in the present one it makes him practically unique."

"Gordon Smith, Scotland's 'Stanley Matthews' and ten years the junior of the Stoke City maestro, has hung up his boots at the age of forty."

"From Spain comes the news that Alfredo Di Stefano has severed his 11-year connection with Real Madrid and at 38 has reached the stage of his career when he'll probably become a soccer mercenary, playing a season here, another there."

"The game is so poverty stricken with individual talent that the foreseeable passing from the game of this trio must go without comment."

"Fifteen years from now we could be preparing our farewells for Pele and Dennis Law. In just what state the game will be then defies imagination."

"Whatever the future has to offer, though, the talented player with the unorthodox approach will always be an invaluable part of soccer."

So say all of us. In 1985, that editorial appeared in the September, 1984 issue of World Soccer.

If only we had another 15 years before we had to farewell Pele and Dennis Law.



• Steve Kannebesser one of the stars of Juventus Pioneer. Picture: ROBIN LANE.

JUVE'S TITLE?

Juventus-Pioneer looks set to regain its Cadbury State League title in Tasmania after two important wins in the past week.

On Wednesday, Juventus easily accounted for White Eagles 4-0 and on Sunday it shrugged off Croatia-Glenorchy's challenge by winning comfortably 3-0.

Juventus now leads by two points with one game left to play and a vastly superior goal-difference over Croatia which has two matches to play.

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CROATIA KO'd

By PETER SCOTT



Frank Arok

Verdict of Arok

The Juventus-Hellas clash last Sunday was "more a battle than a game," national coach Frank Arok said after assessing talent at Olympic Park.

"We desperately need some changes next year to keep the public interested," he said.

"Players, coaches, referees and administrators have to get together, otherwise players will continue to get away with murder and skin will no longer be important."

And he revealed he had backed Juventus to beat Hellas, and had collected from NSL vice-president Tony Kovac.

"I was impressed with the cohesion of the Juventus team and I thought Juventus was stronger than Hellas physically," he said.

"If Juventus and Hakoah reach the division final, Juventus probably will try to play the same way again, but Hakoah is better at the hard, tough game. They've got experience, they're so cool and calm, they can spoil other teams, they can play defensively, they can counter-attack."

"But Juventus would do better against Hakoah than Hellas would."

However, if Croatia beat Hakoah in the preliminary final, then I would bet on Croatia to beat Hakoah in the grand final on Sunday.

Hellas will be vulnerable against Makedonia because they probably thought they already had it won, and now they've got injury worries. Makedonia is hungry and they've got two strikers of high quality in Lane and Smith, and their midfield is strong. Hellas has only two goalscorers, and if Makedonia can stop them, Makedonia could win.

Of the players he saw in the double-header on Sunday, Arok was most impressed with Brian Brown and Eddie Campbell of Juventus, and regrets that neither of them is eligible to play for Australia.

"Charlie Yankoski is better in the national team, when he gets more cover. With Heidelberg, he was too often exposed."

"McKie was not bad at right back, and I liked Petkov in Makedonia's midfield, but I will have to see more of them."

"Little Tsolakis caused Makedonia a few problems. He looks an excellent young player who could be a little dynamo in the midfield."

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Lee 54)
SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at St George Stadium.
Crowd: 11,144, NSL semi-final, Sunday. Referee: Peter Rampley 8. Caution: Barnes (Hak).

HAKOAH: Pezzano 7 — Go-mex 6, Robertson 8, O'Connor 8, Cant 7 — Watson 8, Barnes 7, Lee 8 — Farina 8, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

CROATIA: Watson 7 — Kovacic 7 (Dragicevic 66th min), Vidic 7, Kavcic 7, Kovacic 7, Clinch 7 — Savor 7, Ozdakovic 6 — Jurin 6, Arnold 6, Patikas 6. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Sydney Croatia players had it easy this week as they prepared for the NSL Northern Division preliminary final against Marconi (Wednesday).

This was decided by their polished and elegant player-coach Vedran Rozic immediately after the final whistle of their semi-final against Hakoah.

With the scoreboard showing a negative result of 1-0, Rozic blamed tiredness and, to a lesser extent, lack of concentration by his players.

"We missed our early chances and then tiredness caught up with us," the Croatia striker said. "It was flattered by Eddie Thomson's assessment of his squad as quite capable of still winning the NSL title, but modestly stated that "we have to get past Marconi first."

As for Hakoah's victorious team, Thomson was not at all sure that having no midweek match was such a big advantage. Sometimes a midweek game is better for our guys than ordinary training session," he said.

The big match was something of an anti-climax after the vibrating excitement of the early clash between Marconi and Olympic. Having weathered the first half which started with Patikas hitting the Hakoah upright, the match settled down into an even give-and-take affair, with neither midfield able to establish dominance.

It was a display of nervous,

**Man of the match:
FRANK FARINA
(SC-Hakoah)**

uneventful soccer with both sides well off form.

What excitement there was

after Patikas' missed chance

was another botched opportunity by Arnold a minute

before the break, plus the explosion of a firecracker tossed at Hakoah goalie Pezzano and a shower of beer bottles aimed at Steve O'Connor, plus a two-minute stoppage due to lack of a ball midway through

the game.

In complete contrast, the second half provided Hakoah with perhaps its easiest win ever against Croatia, the narrow scoreline notwithstanding.

Lee cheekily capitalised on a defensive short-circuit in the 54th minute to stick his foot at a loose ball, steering it past a flat-footed Steve Watson.

Farina, Kosmina and Lee had other chances which could easily have been converted. But Croatia the only moment of hope was when Jurin outpaced Gomez on the left wing with 22 minutes still on the

clock, but shot wide when he should have done better.

So the pendulum between these two great rivals has now swung in favor of Hakoah for the first time, after their third clash of the year — but who would dare to bet that it will stay that way when they meet again in the grand final?

The speed of striker Frank Farina and David Mitchell caused havoc with the Croatian defense.

Farina's bursts of speed gave him more than a metre on the defence in his forays along the left wing but Hakoah squandered each opportunity.

Within the space of ten minutes, he broke free four times but was also guilty of poor finishing when defender Gerry Gomez crossed into the area and Farina missed an open goal from five metres.

Socceroo captain John Kosmina, who had come back after being sidelined for a month with a broken toe, had a quiet game but his tactical play frequently set Farina and Mitchell on the move.

Kosmina, Farina and Mitchell did all the damage to us," said Croatia player-coach Rozic.

"Hakoah marked us out of the game. They were not overphysical, just too well disciplined."

Union seeks player freedom



Freedom of movement after a player's contract has expired is one of the aims of the players' association launched in Melbourne last Thursday.

Makedonia goalkeeper Richard Wilson, convenor of the meeting to launch the association, said: "Ideally, after a player has met all the conditions of his contract, he should be free to move when that contract expires."

"It would stop the transfer fee system — and that is one of our aims."

He added: "At the moment, players are being used, and clubs put every conceivable hurdle in their way when they try to find a new club".

The meeting, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, was told the players' association would:

- protect and improve the conditions and status of all players — NSL, State League, amateurs and youth;
- ensure fair treatment of players by clubs;
- ensure players have legal advice;
- provide players with representation at appeal hearings;

- help players to transfer by keeping a list of players, their positions and history, and making it available to clubs.

A larger meeting of players will be held in October or November to officially start the association, so it is operational by January next year.

It is expected to be the first of a network of State branches of a national players' association.

How Margaritis and Wade flattened Muhammad Hellas

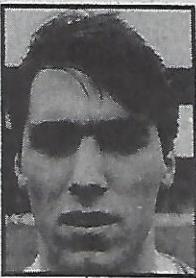
By LAURIE SCHWAB

JUVENTUS 1 (Wade 115th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 after extra time, NSL semi-final at Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd: 7786. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8. Cautions: Petersen (J), Lewis (J), McDowell (SMH), Mihos (SMH), Cullen (J), Campbell (J), Dowis (J).

JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 9, Dowis 10, B. Brown 10, Campbell 8 — Wade 8, Mihos 8 — Petersen 8, Incantalo 7 — Sweeney 7, Cullen 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 8, Yzendoorn 7 (inj. sub. Bozinovski 77th), Mihos 8 — McDowell 7 (inj. sub. Kanesoulis 112th), Halford 8, Crino 8, Murphy 8 — Egan 5, D. Brown 5. Coach: Len McKendry.

"I knew they would collapse and when they started going downhill, we started pushing. They were finished in extra time."



• George Mihos

**Man of the match:
BRIAN BROWN
(Juventus)**

those two, rather than varying the tactics. As an alternative, hellas could have pulled Egan and Brown back, and concentrated on attacks from deep positions.

Without detracting from the performance of young George Mihos at left back — for he played well — it was puzzling to see Gary McDowell pushed to wide midfield after he had dominated so many matches as sweeper during John Yzendoorn's absence. Yzendoorn could have taken the left back spot vacated by Angie Postecoglou who's in the USSR, enabling McDowell to stay put.

McDowell and Yzendoorn were injured during the match and replaced by John Kanesoulis and Vlado Bozinovski respectively.

The match was marred by fouls galore and pugilism behind play, resulting in referee Bambridge showing the yellow card seven times.

After Egan's two early misses, Juventus had its first attempt at scoring when Sweeney headed across goal in the 20th minute.

The rough stuff continued, with Cullen kicking Mihos on the backside while both were down. Mihos though, gave as good as he got and was shown the yellow card just after half time.

In a good Juventus attack, Sweeney had an unchallenged shot at close range but hit the side netting. Shortly afterwards, Hellas' goalkeeper Peter Laumets was scrambling desperately on the ground, trying to cover the ball as Juventus players converged.

He got onto it, Cullen kicked the ball out of his hands and Bambridge showed Cullen the yellow card.

With Yzendoorn off the ground Fabio Incantalo had a free header after a cross from Eddie Campbell, but it wasn't wide enough off Laumets.

And as we approached the end of the first 90 minutes, Mihos capped a nice run forward with a strong low shot which brought the first save from Yakkie Banovic.

Juventus then cut loose during extra time.

Cullen slipped through a pass that cut out two Hellas defenders. Wade ran onto it but blasted his shot over the top.

Miranda played a through ball for Sweeney to chase



• Oscar Crino (right) of Hellas, stumbles in a clash with Richard Miranda. At rear is Ken Murphy.

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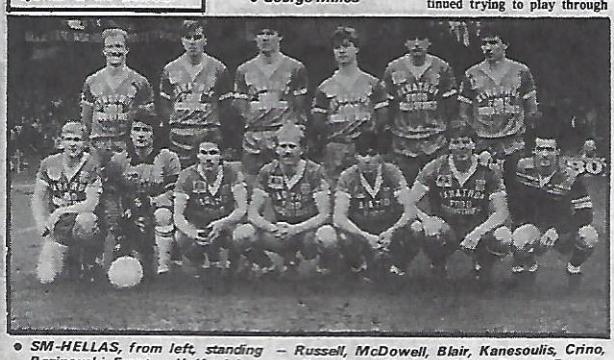
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• SM-HELLAS, from left, standing — Russell, McDowell, Blair, Kanesoulis, Crino, Bozinovski. Front — Halford, Laumets, Yzendoorn, Mihos, Brown, Egan.

Southern Division

B'wick-Juventus

BUFFALO CUP

- v Fawker 1-1, Zinni
- v Heidelberg 1-2, Sweeney
- v Morwell Falcons 1-1, Incantalupo pen
- v Foots JUST 0-2
- v Geo Cross 3-2, Cullen 2, Sweeney

NATIONAL CUP

- v Melbourne Croatia 0-2

LEAGUE

- v WA-Hellas 1-2, Sweeney
- v Green Gully 1-0, Cullen
- v Makedonia 0-0
- v SM-Hellas 2-2, Incantalupo, Zinni
- v Foots JUST 3-2, Cullen, Incantalupo, Petersen
- v Bris Lions 0-0
- v AC-Juventus 3-1, Zinni 3
- v Geo Cross 0-0
- v H'berg 2-0, Wade, Incantalupo
- v Melb Croatia 2-0, Petersen
- v Bris City 5-4, Sweeney 3, Petersen, Wade
- v WA-Hellas 0-
- v Green Gully 2-0, Sweeney 2
- v Makedonia 2-0, Sweeney, Zinni
- v SM-Hellas 3-1, Lewis, Petersen, Sweeney
- v Foots JUST 1-1, Cullen
- v Bris Lions 2-1, Petersen, Zinni
- v AC-Juventus 1-2, Sweeney
- v Geo Cross 3-0, Zinni, Sweeney, Cullen
- v H'berg 0-1
- v Melb Croatia 1-1, Zinni
- v Bris City 0-0
- v Heidelberg (semi-final) 2-0, Zinni, Miranda
- v SM-Hellas (semi-final) 1-0, Wade

Scorers:

- 12. Sweeney
- 10. Zinni
- 6. Cullen
- 5. Petersen
- 4. Incantalupo
- 3. Wade
- 1. Lewis, Miranda.

Players with most NSL goals:

- 21. Sweeney
- 14. Cullen
- 13. Zinni
- 9. Petersen

Sth Melb Hellas

BUFFALO CUP

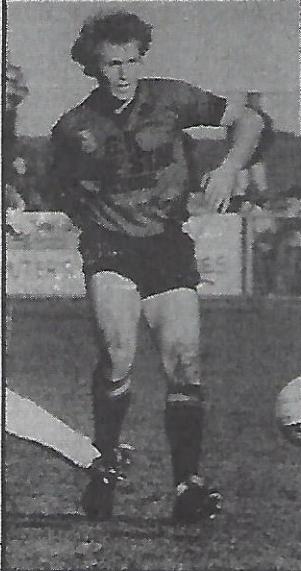
- v Croatia 0-1
- v Makedonia 0-1
- v Green Gully 1-1, Halford
- v Box Hill 4-1, Halford 2, McDowell, Egan
- v Polonia 1-1, Brown

NATIONAL CUP

- v Makedonia 0-1

LEAGUE

- v Green Gully 3-2, Egan 2, Brown pen
- v Makedonia 1-0, Egan
- v Footscray JUST 2-1, Egan 3
- v Juventus 2-2, Egan 2
- v Adel Juve 2-2, Blair, McDowell



NSL finals guide



Jim Patikas (right) of Sydney Croatia, in action against Milan Janović of Red Star.

- v George Cross 2-1, Egan, McDowell
- v Heidelberg 1-0, Brown
- v Croatia 1-2, Crino
- v Brisbane City 1-2, Brown
- v West Adel Hellas 4-2, Murphy 2, Halford, Crino
- v Green Gully 1-0, Egan
- v Makedonia 3-0, Brown 2, Egan
- v Foots JUST 1-0, Yzendoorn
- v Juventus 1-3, Egan
- v Brisbane Lions 1-1, Brown
- v Adel Juventus 2-1, Egan, Brown
- v Geo Cross 1-0, Crino
- v Heidelberg 1-0, Brown
- v Croatia 1-1, Egan
- v Bris City 4-1, Egan, McDowell, Crino, Brown
- v West Adel Hellas 3-0, Egan 3
- v B'wick Juventus (semi-final) 0-1

Scorers:

- 19. Egan
- 10. Brown
- 4. Halford, McDowell, Crino
- 2. Murphy
- 1. Blair, Yzendoorn

Players with most NSL goals:

- 65. Brown
- 60. Egan
- 19. Yzendoorn
- 14. Crino

Makedonia

BUFFALO CUP

- v Polonia 2-3, Lane 3 inc pen.
- v SM-Hellas 1-0, Opasiniš
- v Croatia 0-0
- v Green Gully 1-1, Spink
- v Heidelberg (semi-final) 0-1

NATIONAL CUP

- v SM-Hellas 1-0, Smith
- v Heidelberg 2-1, Spink, Cole
- v Green Gully 3-1, Smith 2, Iloski
- v George Cross (semi-final) 2-1, Cole pen. Smith
- v Sydney Olympic (final) 1-2, Cole

LEAGUE

- v Foots JUST 2-1, Spink, Cole
- v SM-Hellas 0-1
- v B'wick Juventus 0-0
- v Bris Lions 1-1, Spink, Cole
- v Footscray JUST 4-2, Smith, Cole
- v Geo Cross 2-2, Smith, Cole
- v H'berg 1-4, Smith
- v Melb Croatia 0-2
- v Bris City 3-0, Smith, Cole, Gagic
- v WA-Hellas 1-3, Cole
- v Green Gully 0-1
- v Foots JUST 2-0, Dunn, Smith
- v SM-Hellas 0-3
- v B'wick Juventus 0-2
- v Bris Lions 4-0, Spink 2, Smith, Lane pen
- v AC-Juventus 2-1, Smith, Spink
- v Geo Cross 2-1, Iloski, Lane
- v H'berg 0-0
- v Melb Croatia 3-2, Lane 2, Dobson

Zoran Iloski — Makedonia mid-fielder

- v Brisbane City 0-0
- v WA-Hellas 1-1, Cole pen
- v Green Gully 1-1, Heys
- v Melb Croatia (semi-final) 2-1, Gagic, Petrovski
- v Heidelberg (semi-final) 2-0, Lane, Angele o.g.

Scorers:

- 12. Smith
- 9. Cole
- 8. Spink, Lane
- 3. Iloski
- 2. Gagic
- 1. Opasiniš, Dunn, Dobson, Heys, Petrovski

Players with most NSL goals:

- 97. Cole
- 33. Heys
- 22. Iloski
- 15. Dunn

- 2. Watson
- 1. Murray, O'Connor, DeMarginy, Mitchell
- 101. Kosmina
- 57. Barnes
- 26. Watson
- 23. Mitchell

Players with most NSL goals:

- 101. Kosmina
- 57. Barnes
- 26. Watson
- 23. Mitchell

Sydney Croatia

AMPOL CUP

- v Melita Eagles 1-1, Patikas, 2-4 on pens

NATIONAL CUP

- v Wollongong 2-3, Patikas, Vidaic

LEAGUE

- v Marconi 3-3, Arnold 2, Rezo
- v Wollongong 1-2, Patikas
- v Newc-Rosebud 2-1, Ozdakov, Arnold
- v Syd Hakoah 2-0, M. Kovacic, Arnold
- v St. Geo Budapest 3-1, Arnold, Vidaić, Patikas
- v Inter Monaro 2-0, Ozdakov, Patikas
- v Can Olympians 4-2, Patikas 2, M. Kovacic pen, Jurin
- v Blacktown 1-1, Ozdakov
- v Syd Olympic 5-0, Arnold 2, Patikas 2, Dragicevic
- v APIA 3-1, Clinch, Rowden o.g., Patikas
- v Penrith 2-2, Arnold, Patikas
- v Marconi 2-0, Patikas, Arnold
- v Newc-Rosebud 2-0, Arnold 2
- v Syd Hakoah 0-2
- v Wollongong 5-1, Krncic 2, Jurin, Arnold, Patikas
- v St. Geo Budapest 2-2, Patikas, Krncic
- v Inter Monaro 1-1, Arnold
- v Can Olympians 1-0, Patikas
- v Penrith 1-0, Jurin
- v Blacktown 4-0, Jurin 3, Patikas
- v Syd Olympic 1-3, Ozdakov
- v APIA 3-0, Patikas 2, Rezo
- v Marconi (semi-final) 2-1, Sterrey o.g., Clinch
- v Syd Hakoah (semi-final) 0-1

Scorers:

- 18. Patikas
- 13. Arnold
- 13. Clinch
- 4. Ozdakov
- 3. Krncic
- 2. Rezo
- 1. M. Kovacic, Vidaic, Clinch
- 1. Dragicevic (+ 5 with Inter Monaro)

Players with most NSL goals:

- 39. Patikas
- 24. Arnold
- 14. Ozdakov
- 10. Jurin

Marconi

AMPOL CUP

- v Rockdale Ilinien 0-1

NATIONAL CUP

- v Brisbane City 0-1

LEAGUE

- v Syd Croatia 3-3, Jankovics 2, Calderon
- v Newc-Rosebud 2-2, Jankovics, Brown
- v Can Olympians 1-1, Lowe pen
- v Blacktown 2-1, Brown, Bottalico o.g.
- v APIA 1-4, Jankovics
- v Wollongong 6-1, Brown, 3, Mason, Lowe, Gray
- v Inter Monaro 2-1, Fletcher, Gomez
- v Penrith 3-1, Jankovics 2 pens, Gunning
- v Syd Olympic 0-0
- v Syd Croatia 0-2
- v St. Geo Budapest 1-0, Gray
- v Can Olympians 4-1, Brown 2, Jankovics, Lowe
- v Newc-Rosebud 2-0, Ferina 2
- v APIA 2-0, Gomez, Barnes
- v St. Geo Budapest 1-0, Kosmina pen
- v Can Olympians 4-2, Ferina 3, Mitchell
- v Sydney Croatia (semi-final) 1-0, Lee

Scorers:

- 11. Kosmina, Ferina
- 8. Gomez
- 7. Lee
- 4. Barnes
- 3. Fletcher
- 1. Penrith
- 1. Inter Monaro
- 1. Penrith 6-0, Jankovics 3, Brown 2, Lowe pen
- v Syd Olympic 2-2, Jankovics 2
- v Syd Croatia (semi-final) 1-2, Brown
- v Syd Olympic (semi-final) 3-3, Brown, Carter, Jankovics

Players with most NSL goals:

- 58. Jankovics
- 48. Sharme
- 41. Lowe
- 39. Brown

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SIR — Just a quick note to thank both Medibank Private and "Soccer Action" for once again naming the "Goalkeeper of the Year" award. I'm sure your involvement in the sport is appreciated by all soccer followers, as well as the current band of goalkeepers.

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By ALEX VESIC

MARCONI 3 (Brown 8th, Carter 68th, Jankovics 118th) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 3 (Soper 7th, Polias 53rd, Zirvas 115th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 11,230. NSL semi-final, Sunday. Referee: Tim Davies. Marconi won on penalty kicks 7-6.

Marconi scorers: Carter, Gray, Sharne, Jankovics, Tredinnick, Diene, Sterry. Shot by Henderson saved by Meier.

Olympic scorers: Raskopoulos, Ogun, Zirvas, Soper, Rogers, Jennings. Shot by Johnston saved by James, shot by Zirvas missed.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 8, Henderson 9, Calderon 7, Rizzotto 7 — Sterry 6, Gray 6, Tredinnick 7, Lowe 6 (Shane 60th) — Jankovics 8, Brown 1 (Davies 104th). Coach: Les Schencking. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Zirvas 7, Haniotis 6, Jannings 8 — Raskopoulos 6, Ogun 7, Johnston 7 — Soper 7, Polias 5 (Zirvas 99th), Koureas 5 (Soper 55th — 5). Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Mark Jankovics was the toast of Marconi last Sunday as Olympic tumbled out of the semi-finals in a spectacular game at St George Stadium. With barely two minutes remaining in extra time and Sydney Olympic leading 3-2, the narrowest of margins, Jankovics lashed home from a free kick less than 50 metres applied past the flying Olympic defence and beat Gary Meier for the equaliser which sent Marconi into the penalty shoot-out.

And Jankovics once again showed just how deadly he is in front of goal, it was Tony Henderson, the Marconi captain, who led by example and was clearly the best player on the Park.

Sydney Olympic led 2-1 after a fine header by Polias in the 53rd following a corner kick by Peter Raskopoulos.

Faced with just over half an hour to make amends, Les Schencking sent his captain forward into a midfield position, switching Lee Sterry to the backline.

From that moment until the end of the game Marconi always had the upper hand, with Henderson a commanding figure.

It was 'Hendo' and Jankovics who provided space for Paul Carter to run into the Olympic area in the 68th and the youngster showed some fine fighting qualities to beat two players close to the line before pushing his shot from an acute angle past Meier to make it 2-2.

This was the scoreline as the teams started extra time.

Marconi continued to dominate and should have had the lead after 108 minutes when Ian Gray skied his shot from 14 metres.

However, Marconi fell behind to a goal by substitute Andrew Zirvas with only five minutes of extra time remaining. A quick counter by Olympic left Marconi's defence sadly exposed for Zirvas to score, it was the youngster's NSL debut.

Marshall Soper was involved in this goal, as he was on numerous occasions during the match. His opening goal was typical of this explosive striker.

A free kick by Graham Jennings was headed towards the far post by Johnston, but despite the presence of Soper it looked like James would collect the ball.

Soper raked it once, then twice, before slamming it past two Marconi players on the line.

Despite some close marking on Soper through the match, he was always dangerous. He had to battle against the odds at times, with very little support up front.

His early goal was cancelled some 80 seconds later by Rod Brown. A corner kick from Tredinnick was flicked on by Zirvas to the far post and Brown was on hand to head past Meier for the equaliser.

Goals apart, Marconi had the better of play and chances, as well as two penalty claims turned down by Tim Davies.

Ian Gray was the main culprit, missing a sitter in the 37th. Peter Tredinnick broke through only to see his shot brilliantly saved by Meier.

Ilioski shows a mean streak

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Lane 64th, Angele o.g. 70th) **HEIDELBERG** ALEXANDER 0. First semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: 10,000. Cautions Angele (Heid). Referee: Donald Campbell 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7 — McMillan 7, Dobson 7, Dunn 8, Heys 7 — Ospasinis 8, Petrovski 7, Petrov 7, Ilioski 7 — Lane 7, Smith 7. Coach: Bill Murray. **HEIDELBERG:** Alexander: Oliver 8 — McKie 7, Yankos 6, Angele 6, Marley 7 — Selimidis 6, Winn 6, Valentine 6 (Tsiolas 76th), Tsolakis 6 — Stevenson 5, Metaxas 5.

When Robbie Dunn's attempted cut-back struck Joe Angele and deflected into the Heidelberg net for Makedonia's second goal, Heidelberg had ended the 1985 NSL season losing successive finals matches.

But don't think that Angele's misfortune was the turning point. Far from it, for Heidelberg was well beaten long before the ball ricocheted off Angele's legs at right angles and nestled snuggly at the foot of the Heidelberg net.

Heidelberg was absolutely dreadful up front and little better in midfield. Stuart Stevenson and young John Metaxas gave each other little support, transforming Steve Winn into a midfielder is like making a polar bear live on the equator, Mike Valentine is not the Valentine of yesteryear, and Theo Selimidis hardly gave a yelp.

Little Peter Tsolakis skipped clear of the lunging George McMillan a couple of times, had a good shot blocked in the second half and played a few good balls. It was too little too late I'm afraid, and wee Tsolakis didn't get much help from his team mates.

By the early stages of the second half, it looked as if Heidelberg was quite content to let the game drag on extra time. Charlie Yankos, who must have sensed how poorly his side was performing, did not venture too far forward until very late and Joe Angele made me wonder why Heidelberg didn't come to terms with Don Maclean earlier this year.

Ian McKie and Steve Marley, noted for their ability to get forward, showed a strange reticence in this area, albeit that their defensive

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Man of the match:
ROBBIE DUNN
(Makedonia)

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Gagic 25th, Petrovski 40th) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 1** (Biskic 13th). Southern Division elimination final at Olympic Park No. 1, Wednesday night. Crowd: about 6000. Caution: Antolovic, McIntosh (MC). Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trajanevic 7 — Ospasins 8, Dunn 9, Dobson 7, Heys 7 (pen), Piculovski 70th — Illoksi 7, Petrovski 6, Petrov 8, Gagic 7 — Lane 8, McMillan 7. Coach: Billy Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Kolceg 7 — Curcio 7, McIntosh 4, Antolovic 6, Deankovic 7 — Biskic 7, Curovic 5, Cristaldo 6, Gojevic 7 — Markovac 5 (Ward H.T. 6), Ljubic 6 (Hannah 62nd). Coach: Domagoj Kapetanovic.

"Mirko Runje could have made all the difference but having said that, it seems to me that if we want to be a force next year then we might have to sign quite a few new players," said Croatia team manager Frank Burin in the aftermath of his team's NSL swansong for 1985.

"The capacity to compete, to rise to the occasion like the great Croatia sides of the past, simply wasn't there. We lacked both drive and direction. Both sides had their share of problems due to injury but Preston was able to field a reasonable line-up. We played our fittest players but it didn't work."

Makedonia's coach George Petrov, one of the rising stars of the Nation League, offered this explanation of Makedonia's success:

"We were a lot more solid than Croatia, a lot tighter. A couple of times they got away from us, especially early on, but overall our defence was tremendous."

Indeed, Croatia should have gone ahead before opening its account in the 13th minute. In the 8th minute, midfielder Victor Cristaldo played the ball to Josip Biskic, wide on the right. Biskic's lob to the far post exposed Phillip Trajanevic for the only time in the match. Trajanevic, backpedalling, met the ball alongside and Steve Gojevic headed it back into the box. The ball found Ante Ljubic who did the hard thinking by thumping his shot onto the bar. Gojevic had got back in behind Ljubic and pounced on the rebound only to mistick it, enabling Graham Heys to clear off the line.

Zoran Illoksi missed a great chance to score in the 12th minute. Illoksi consistently got into tremendous positions inside the Croatia area and deserves credit for doing so even if his finishing was woeful. This chance came when a Sean Lane shot struck fellow front runner George McMillan and ricocheted to the incoming Illoksi on the left but Illoksi completely missed his first time shot and the ball lobbed wide of goal.

Croatia had gone into the match without Runje, overseas with the national youth team, or second string goalkeeper Zeljka Govic, who was injured. Even half an hour before the kick off, there seemed to be uncertainty in the Croatia camp about who would line up in goal. Finally, coach Damajek Kapetanovic selected 16 year old Ante Kolceg but surprised by leaving experienced defender George Hannah on the bench. Jim Campbell, carrying an injury like Biskic and Antolovic, declared himself fit before the game but Kolceg again surprised for the position he hadn't even selected on the bench. Ward was dropped to the bench apparently for being "selfish" in the last league match, a 2-1 loss to Brisbane Lions. Robert Markovac took Ward's place alongside Ljubic, only to be replaced by Ward at half time.

Makedonia was without injured front runners Gary Cole and Steve Smith as well as injured midfielder Gordon Flavel. Striker Warren Spink, of course, was overseas with the national youth team. George Gagic and Ljube Petrovski came into the side and were to be the goalscorers. Petrovski's goal was a gem, Gagic's a scrappy affair. Burin was critical of young Kolceg over both goals.

He (Kolceg) reacted a bit slowly for the first goal and when he scored it was a good shot but it was from outside the area," said Burin.

Maybe so, but Kolceg twice denied Illoksi in the second half when a third Makedonia goal would have completely finished Croatia's chances.

But back to the opening goal. It came after good work by Gojevic down the left. His cross to the near post picked out Markovac who got a turn in but slipped. Biskic, ever alert, picked up the ball on a diagonal run across the goalmouth then struck a low shot into the bottom far corner to give Croatia the lead.

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Petrovski, Gagic end Croatia's final five fling



• Olver



• Margaritis

By LAURIE SCHWAB

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS 2 (Zinni 69th, Miranda 77th). **HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0** at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, second semi-final. Crowd about 6000. Caution: Yankos (H). Petersen (J). Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 8, Dowie 7, Brown 7, Campbell 7 — Wade 7, Miranda 8, Petersen 1, Incantalupo 7 — Zinni (Durakov 71st), Sweeney 7. Coach: John Margaritis

HEIDELBERG: Olver 7 — McKie 8, Yankos 7, Angele 6, Marley 8 — Tasiros 4 (Valentine 72nd), Christopoulos 4 (Metaxas 80th), Winn 6, Tsolakis 6 — Stevenson 5, Semelidis 5. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Juventus coach John Margaritis said he had planned to get on top of Heidelberg in the midfield. "Our midfielders are much better, much stronger than the likes of Christopoulos, Tsolakis and Tasiros," he said. "I was impressed with the way my midfielders dominated the game. I liked the professional attitude of Miranda because he didn't do anything silly for a change. Incantalupo hasn't got the aggression of Miranda, but he created chances and his passing is perfect."

"Overall, we have a very good blend — Zinni running up front, Sweeney doing his job, and a very strong defense."

"But we threw away top place on the ladder by dropping six points to West Adelaide and Adelaide City."

"In the end, Hellas and Juventus deserved to fill the top two places because they are superior to the other teams."

Margaritis was disappointed to lose Zinni after the flying header had shot Juventus into the lead against Heidelberg last Wednesday. "He was burning — running around like crazy," Margaritis said. "But when he scored he overextended and damaged a thigh muscle."

Margaritis praised the Heidelberg defenders and gookeeper Jeff Olver for holding Juventus out as long as they did.

But according to Olver, he and Yankos were to blame for the two goals.

Speaking about the first, scored by Zinni, Olver said: "Charlie was chasing the ball, and I was coming out at him, calling for the back pass."

"Somehow, Charlie overran the ball and it got behind him. That left Zinni with the easy task of putting it over my head, which he did."

Of the second goal, scored by Miranda with a brilliant curling shot, Olver said: "He caught me too far off my line and chipped me. I got a slight touch, but I'm not taking anything away from Miranda. He finished it very well."

Olver conceded that a defeat had been on the cards because Heidelberg had not been playing well. "We'd struggled to hit the midfield — maybe because we haven't got a real ball-winner there — but really, all I'm concerned with is keeping goal. I've got enough problems there."

The Heidelberg midfield was almost totally ineffective against Wade, Miranda, Petersen and Incantalupo, although Steve Winn raced around a lot, getting in the way of opponents as much as he could.

With Steve Tasiros, George Christopoulos and Peter Tsolakis cut out of the play, Heidelberg's strikers, Theo Semelidis and Stuart Stevenson, saw very little of the ball. In the second half, left back Steve Marley was Heidelberg's only source of attack, but even he was not creative enough.

Brown, Dowie, Lewis and Campbell were as tight

as they'd ever been in Juventus' attack, leaving gookeeper Yakka Banovic with only one difficult save for the whole game.

As well as defending soundly, Lewis pushed up at every opportunity.

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In between, however, Semelidis put the ball into the net for Heidelberg but the whistle had gone for a foul on Tsolakis, the player who had crossed the ball.

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Olver repelled another attempt from Wade just before half time and Heidelberg resumed full of promise — for a few minutes, anyway.

After Stevenson's goal, Tsolakis headed for Winn who looked all set to score. Eddie Campbell however, blocked him, and Incantalupo cleared.

And so Juventus re-established its dominance.

Zinni broke away, laid the ball back to Petersen and Incantalupo chased Petersen's cross into the six-yard box where Olver cleared again.

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Juventus midfield destroys Heidelberg

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Man of the match
RICHARD MIRANDA
(Juventus)



• Andrew Zinni — opened Juve's account against Heidelberg.

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• Richard Miranda — his shot caught Jeff Olver too far out of goal.

France world's best

France won the newly inaugurated Intercontinental Cup when, showing some of the delicate skills that brought them the European title last year, they beat South American champion Uruguay 2-0 at the Parc Des Princes in Paris.

The goals came from Dominique Rocheau after five minutes and his strike partner Jose Toure in the

Offside farce, Ratcliffe sent off!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Lambropoulos 64th) **ST GEORGE** 0 (St George Stadium, NSL semi-final, Wednesday, crowd 4305, referee Gary Power 7, Cautions: Lambropoulos, Ratcliffe, Soper, Ratcliffe, J. O'Shea, Sant off; Ratcliffe 71st).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Zirnis 7, Lambropoulos 7, Jennings 8, Johnston 7, Ratcliffe 7, Ogur 7, Sivins 5, (Polins 63rd — 6), Saper 7, Koussas 5 (81st Haniotis). **Coach:** Manfred Schaefer.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 8, — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 7 (sent off 71st), M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 6, — Stone 6, J. O'Shea 7, Barton 7 (Bozanic 76th), Ricoy 5, — Slater 7, Cotton 6. **Coach:** Frank Arok.

Five yellow cards and one red card were shown during this drama-filled elimination game, won by Sydney Olympic on a controversial decision.

St George players were highly critical of the referee after the match during which Gary Power:

• booked, then send off David Ratcliffe for two successive fouls on Soper, his Socceroo team-mate.

• Disallowed Mark Barton's first-

half goal over a dubious offside decision.

• allowed Sydney Olympic's winner through Lambropoulos although Sydney Olympic Player stood on St George's goal line at the time, in an apparent offside position.

Ratcliffe was furious, to say the least, claiming that Soper's "theatrics have done it again".

I came into contact with the ball as I challenged Soper in the 71st," claimed Ratcliffe.

TV replays at the stadium showed clearly that Ratcliffe did come into contact with the ball first as he tackled Soper, who went into the air as if hit by a Hurricane from Botany Bay and Gary Power sent the Socceroo sweeper off.

And while Ratcliffe was at a loss to understand that decision and while I may agree it as harsh, there was no doubt that the referee had to give Socceroo players had for each other.

Soper was also involved in some heated off-the-ball clashes with Michael O'Shea during the first period and the two were warned by the referee but somehow Soper did manage to avoid being shown the card.

Soper, a fine player and, definitely

Man of the match:
GRAHAM JENNINGS
(Syd. Olympic)

one of the best in Australia, was the tormentor of Saints' defence in more ways than one, but I could not help feeling that some of his theatrics could influence Olympic following into yet another frenzied period.

Cans were thrown onto the Park as Soper lay near croaking" after the first of Ratcliffe's tackles and the general feeling among the soccer scribes inside the Press box was that Soper, hurt or not, was making too much of a meal of it.

There is no doubt the crowd idolises Soper and so they should, he is one hell of a player, but for the sake of sanity on the terraces, Soper should change his track.

There was more trouble earlier, as Soper scored what looked a fair goal. Robert O'Shea found Mark Barton on the edge of the Olympic area and Saints' midfielder waltzed past two defenders to slot his shot wide of Meier. Olympic players accepted their mistake and Saints' players rushed for

centrefield as the linesman raised his flag for offside.

When came the winner, a Ratcliffe free kick saw Saints' defence at sixes and sevens, with Mark Koussas suddenly off the left to face Greedy. His shot bounced off Greedy's chest to the feet of Lambropoulos who slotted it back into the net.

At the time he shot goalwards, an Olympic player looked to be on the goalline.

Again Saints' players protested and the game was stopped for some two minutes, but the linesman (the same one) remained adamant that he saw no infringement and Mr. Power awarded the goal.

Manfred Schaefer was a happy man after the match, indicating almost arrogantly that he "did Arok a favour by beating St George. He (Arok) can now concentrate on the national side..."

In the meantime the Socceroo and St George coach was not going to make statements about the refereeing. However he suggested that he felt Saints had scored a good goal.

It should be noted that Bartons' Park president Jimmy Petelinis should consider making St George an offer for this stadium. His side has led a charmed life at this venue and it appears the size of the ground suits Olympic's style of play.

APIA president Nick Papaloni has charged Marconi with "mud-raking" following an appeal which has renewed the threat of relegation for APIA.

Marconi has submitted an appeal against a decision by the NSL executive that Tony Henderson was an ineligible player in the 4-0 win over APIA on June 30 and that the match points be awarded to APIA with a scoreline of 0-0.

Marconi president Cossimo Mariani said the board viewed with concern the circumstances surrounding the ruling and asked the League to hear the appeal as quickly as possible.

If the appeal is upheld and the win returned to Marconi, then APIA will face relegation instead of Penrith because of its poorer goal difference.

"I am astounded by the action of Marconi and rather surprised that they waited until after the last round to lodge an appeal which could get us relegated," Papallo said.

"Their timing is pathetic and I'm sure the NSL will give the consideration this type of mud-raking deserves.

"I do not believe there are any grounds for appeal or that further action can be taken."

"Also, I would have thought any club that disagreed with an NSL decision would have immediately lodged an appeal instead of waiting eight days."

"APIA made its appeal on July 1, the day after the match."

"We didn't wait to find out what was going to happen first."

— TED SIMMONS



**Pathetic,
says
Papallo**

But Marconi secretary Keith Charles strongly denied allegations the club was conducting a campaign against APIA.

"We were not concerned with points, places or results but with what had happened," Mariani said.

"It was not a case of sitting on the fence and waiting to see the results."

"Marconi did not receive a copy of the NSL decision until Thursday and a meeting of the board was needed to consider and approve an appeal."

"This was finally arranged for Sunday night it can't be organised at two minutes notice."

"The club feels justice has not been done and that we did the right thing and should not be penalised."

Charles said Marconi could not take any earlier action because of the National League's delay in hearing the APIA appeal.

Although APIA lodged its application on July 1 the League did not announce its decision until August 13.

— TED SIMMONS

Croatia wins it with ten men

By PAUL GOODWIN

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Starkey 9g, 11th, Clinch 49th), **MARCONI** 1 (Brown 17th), NSL semi final at Marconi Stadium, Wednesday, Crowd 2829. Referee: Richard Lorene 8. Cautions: Starkey, Calderon, Mason (M), Basic, Savo Odzakov (C). Sent off: Basic (C), Mason (M).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7 — Kovacic 7, Rezo 8, Basic 7 (sent off 38th), Rozic 9 — Clinch 7, Savor 8, Odzakov 7 — Jurin 6 (Dragicevic 67th), Patikas 7, Arnold 6. **Coach:** Vedran Rozic.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Starkey 7, Henderson 8, Calderon 7 — Mason 7 (sent off 89th), Gray 5, Tredinnick 7 — Lowe 6, Jankovic 7, Brown 6. **Coach:** Len Scheinfug.

Although referee Richard Lorene flourished the red and yellow cards regularly during this preliminary semi-final, it could not be said that it was a scrappy game. The two sides played a great deal of delightful football, with both individual and team skills well to the fore.

David Rezo put Bruce James to the test in the 4th minute with a strong shot which the Marconi keeper did

well to hold at the foot of the post.

Croatia took the lead in the 11th minute in unusual circumstances. Odzakov tried to find Jim Patikas with a through ball but defender Lee Starkey won the race for the ball with Patikas, and unfortunately his lob, intended for James on the goal line, easily cleared the head of the advancing keeper.

James made a fine save from a Starkey effort in the 13th minute and Marconi was able to get back into the game soon after.

A Starkey cross from the right appeared to put Marconi in great danger, but a defensive lapse by normally reliable Vedran Rozic allowed Rod Brown to score after finally connecting with the bobbing ball in the goal mouth.

Brown missed at the first attempt, but persevered and was just able to push the ball over the line before Rozic could recover.

A number of over-zealous tackles did not interrupt the flow of the game which continued to move at a fast and entertaining pace.

Graham Arnold badly missed a Patikas cross in the 25th minute and Marconi showed its best form during the remaining minutes of the first half.

Man of the match:
VEDRAN ROZIC
(Syd. Croatia)

Craig Mason produced a lovely ball for Paul Carter, whose shot was only just wide. Steve Calderon was at the end of another fine Marconi run, approaching the edge of the box when brought down in very deliberate fashion by Basic.

He had to go and the red card came as no surprise.

When the first half came to a close the crowd was hungry for more of the same and they were not disappointed.

Spreading the ball wide and making full use of the Marconi pitch, the players showed a willingness to move forward at every opportunity although Croatia was of course reduced to 10 men.

There was a great deal of versatility about Croatia's play with players constantly changing roles. Wally Savor and Graham Arnold maintained deeper positions than normal, while Clinch and Rezo ventured forward more than usual.

The evening's play was most enjoyable, despite some isolated late tackling.

Jurin left the field with a hamstring injury and Basic and Mason were to be suspended.

Croatia was fortunate to reap success from its tactics early in the second half. In the 49th minute Zelko Jurin on the right put over a smart cross intended for Patikas at the near post.

Patikas appeared to miss it and Clinch, unattended at the far post, tapped the ball in.

Two minutes later, at the other end, Peter Tredinnick cleared from the left and Calderon headed the ball towards goal. When Steve Watson dropped the ball, it was Graham Arnold on the line who cleared for Croatia.

Soon after, another Tredinnick left-side run ended with a Jankovic volley which skimmed the bar. Bruce James saved from Patikas at point-blank range after a Jurin run and Dragicevic put over a ball for Clinch which Marconi defenders did well to intercept.

With time fast running out, Patikas was upended by Mason who had already received a yellow card and Mason was despatched to join Basic on the sideline.

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A.C.T. takes on Waverley

An under 14 selection from the A.C.T. will visit Melbourne to play friendly matches against local sides at indoor soccer.

The A.C.T. is preparing for the national indoor titles to be held in January next year and is looking forward to the challenge of playing against Waverley U14's which is scheduled to be played at the new Waverley league indoor soccer centre at the Waverley skate rink, 14 Hardner Rd, Waverley, next Wednesday night.

The centre will also accept new teams to its league which starts mid-september, so if you're interested in seeing a demonstration game of indoor soccer or enrolling a side in the new Waverley branch of the A.I.S.F., be there by 7pm.

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Heidelberg Alexander, back row: George Christopoulos, Chris Ketsakidis, Stevie Winn, Jeff Oliver, Stuart Stevenson, Charlie Yankos, Theo Selemidis, Joe Angele. Front: Steve Tasios, Mike Valentine, John Metaxas, Ian McKie, Peter Tsakakis. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO.

STEFANIDIS: GIVE GREEK KIDS A GO

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"Most people at most clubs are only interested in winning championships. I'm not 100 percent like that. I believe we must put the kids in the team, at least two every season, to give them experience," says Heidelberg Alexander president Steve Stefanidis.

And he also believes that Heidelberg Alexander's first team should be made up mainly of Greek players.

"First of all we are a Greek club. So we should have six or seven Greek players in our team, with the rest of the players coming from other countries."

Stefanidis, while plugging the young stars at Heidelberg, strikes a note of caution: "You can't put all the kids in at once but if you give them experience, bit by bit, you will have good players in the future and you won't have to pay big money to get players from overseas or on the local market."

The youngsters that Stefanidis holds high hopes for include Steve Tasios, John Metaxas, Peter Tsakakis, Nick Deligiannis, Pashalis Tzitzis and Chris Ketsakidis. Tzitzis is recovering from injury and Ketsakidis was bought from Northcote this year.

These young players will improve tremendously. They're learning every day, and the future of Heidelberg Alexander rests in their hands," says Stefanidis.

While confident that these youngsters have a bright future, Stefanidis also is confident that Brian Garvey's future at the club is rosy.

"We (the committee) are very, very happy with Brian Garvey and the job he is doing. He is not contracted to us for next year but if he is willing to stay we are happy to have him."

That's an early rebuff to annual speculation surrounding the coaching job at one National League club at least. Garvey, of course, was voted Coach of the Year at last year's Victorian press awards. It was his first season with Heidelberg Alexander.

Stefanidis joins the debate concerning the format of the National League when he says that if the current format isn't changed to a 14-team league for next season, the only alternative is for clubs to turn to a system of State Super Leagues.

"Our club is no different to most. We're all losing supporters and we have to stop that trend."

"We call the Northern Division part of a national competition but it's not. It's just a NSW State League. Everyone can see that. Take the Brisbane and Adelaide clubs out of the Southern Division and you're left with a Victorian State League."

"The way things are now it's possible to have four local

derbies in Melbourne on the one day. That's crazy! We must have a 14-team league with six teams from Sydney, six from Melbourne and two from Adelaide and we must arrange the fixtures so that there never are more than two local derbies in Melbourne on the same day. When we have four derbies we split the crowd too much. You'll get 1,000 people watching South Melbourne Hellas, 1,000 watching Alexander, 1,000 watching Croatia and 1,000 watching Juventus. That's no good."

"And if we play in a State Super League then let's start a system of State Super Leagues and include clubs from Morell, Ballarat and Geelong. If we (Alexander) play a club from Geelong at least they'll bring 200 supporters with them and that's a lot better than playing an Adelaide or Brisbane club."

"And if we play in a State Super League then we can immediately put \$30,000 back into our pockets, because there's no way that we'd have to pay that much in affiliation fees like we have to now."

Stefanidis owns Colossus Oil, the major sponsor of Heidelberg Alexander. His company started its major sponsorship half way through last season and by the end of this season the coffers of Heidelberg Alexander will be \$20,000 fuller.

Stefanidis was born in Greece and came to Australia in 1968. He's married with two daughters who are as fanatical about Heidelberg Alexander on match day as their dad. Through a friend, Stefanidis was introduced to the club as a spectator back in 1970 and in 1979 he joined the committee. When Sam Goulopoulos ended a three and a half year term as president earlier this year Stefanidis was elected, on a 7-6 vote, as the new president, defeating Spiro Rombotis, the other presidential candidate. Rombotis however, still contributes his expertise to the club as a committee member. The committee comprises:

Stefanidis president; Peter Tsakakis, vice president; Lou Ioannidis, team manager; Chris Dzankovski, secretary; Nick Kalamandis, ground manager; Rombotis, Nick Avramopoulos, Steve Kyrou and Nick Katsakis.

While running the club on a sound footing is Stefanidis's main aim ("I'm carrying on the policies of Mr Goulopoulos," he says), and, as already stated, winning championships isn't the only thing which occupies his mind, he thinks that Heidelberg Alexander will be far better placed next year to make a championship bid. His reasoning is that the young stars at the club will have matured.

"We'll be about 50 percent better off as a team next year. I'm sure of it. I've got a lot of faith in the established players and just as much faith in our youngsters."

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I'm encouraging the players to be strong and mentally, both on and off the ball. The that a lot of people around the club thought broken when we started the year by winning Gold Cup but we finished the league season i we haven't been quite as successful as last finished second."

So says Heidelberg Alexander coach Brian Garvey, who admits that Brunswick Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas have shown themselves to be harder than his team. Garvey has gone for a blend between stronger challenging players, as he calls them, and creative players but the big plus for him this year has been the introduction of "another one or two youngsters into the first team."

"Last year we introduced Joe Angele, John Gabrielson, Steve Tasios and John Metaxas to the first team and this year we've introduced Peter Tsakakis and Chris Ketsakidis but when you talk about finishing on top of the league you're talking about a marathon and you need experienced players, players who will give you the kind of consistency you need. The Buffalo Gold Cup was more like a sprint."

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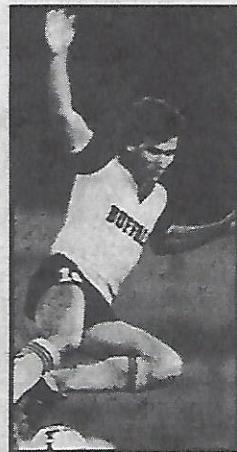
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Steve Tasios



John Metaxas

Garvey says that Heidelberg's strength this season, as it was in 1984, has been its defence. He's looking for improvement next year in midfield and up front and his criticism of what he labels "ridiculous" transfer fees on the local market suggests that he could be chasing a player from his native England.

"We've got a visa vacancy and if I decide to stay at Heidelberg next year then I could be looking at bringing a player out from England although I haven't made any moves in that area yet."

So what does Garvey look for in an overseas player?

"Well there's a lot more to it than just the player's career details. I find that part time soccer here can be very difficult for a player to adjust to if he's never worked before and simply

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But let's look now at Garvey's first team squad, through his eyes:

JEFF OLVER (Goalkeeper): "Jeff's had a great year, even better than last year. He's a real winner. Even at training he hates having goals scored against him. He's courageous and he's worked very hard to get where he is."

NICK LAGOULIS (Goalkeeper): "Nick's been our regular youth team keeper and he's got promise. Just before the transfer deadline we signed another young keeper, Tony Costa from Faw-

kner, but he got injured. You can't have two experienced keepers at the one club and keep them happy and I wanted to have three keepers instead of just two. The young lads, Nicky and Tony, can learn a lot from Jeff and can develop their games."

IAN MCKIE (Defender): "Ian's had another consistent season. It's very unfortunate that again he's been overlooked for representative honors when he's deserved selection, nevertheless, he's got to keep going and I'm sure he will. His attitude is excellent. He's a good defender and he's also very good going forward."

CHARLIE YANKOS (Defender): "Strong and powerful and hates losing. All good players have that attitude. Charlie's always working to prove that he's the best in whatever he does and that's why he's so successful."

JOE ANGELE (Defender): "He came on a treat last year in fact he won our Most Improved Player award. He's a great trier and gives you all he's got."

STEVE MARLEY (Defender): "What a good competitor he is. He's also got a lot of technical ability, very neat on the ball, and

he defends well and goes forward well."

JOHN GABRIELSON (Defender): "John got injured last year and this year he's battled hard to regain his fitness and confidence but the way the defence has been playing there's not been much of an opening for him."

CHRIS KETSAKIDIS (Defender): "I saw Chris playing for Northcote and I was quite impressed with him. We had a problem over his transfer earlier this year but when he's finally been able to come into the side he's shown me that he's strong in the air and aggressive. I'm hoping that by training and playing with the senior players he'll develop into a regular."

GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS (Midfielder): "We signed George from Canberra this year but we've yet to see the best of him. He's a long term signing and I'm sure that we'll gain the full benefit of his ability. He's had a lot of things on his mind this year. He's struggled with an injured ankle, he's put a lot of time into developing his business concerns and he also got married. I'm looking to big things from George in the future."

STEVE TASIOS (Midfielder): "To me he's one of the most exciting young players in Australia. He was very, very unlucky to miss out on selection for the national youth squad but he's got to get over that. It was a big disappointment to both Steve and me. If he progresses as he should, he can develop into a senior international."

MIKE VALENTINE (Midfielder): "I've already said that Micky hasn't had a great season. He hasn't been involved the way he used to be and his passing hasn't been as good as it should be. He's got a ton of stamina and a lot of technical skill but I want him to show a lot more urgency during games."

JOHN METAXAS (Midfielder): "John's got good ball skills and he's fast. He's also very versatile and I've used him at the back in midfield and up front. He first was involved with the seniors last year and I want him to show a bit more patience. It takes time for lads to develop but I've got no doubts that John will get there."

THEO SELEMIDIS (Midfielder): "He started tremendously well. I had to push Theo up front because of the lack of form of my strikers and he's worked hard for me. I'd like him to shoot more because he's got a powerful shot. He's also good in the air so he's quite capable of scoring goals."

STEVE WINN (Forward): "Our top scorer last year but he lost his touch so I had to drop him. But give the lad credit. He played in the youth team and fought his way back into the first team. I used him in midfield recently and he's done well there. He's worked hard and he's aggressive."

STUART STEVENSON (Forward): "Stuart's had a good season. He's our leading scorer but he's suffered a little bit of late because of the team's performance. He's fast, he's aggressive, he's got a good shot and he's good in the air so he's got an awful lot going for him."

PETER TSOLAKIS (Forward): "We signed Peter from Port Melbourne this year. He trained with us early in the season and was impressive and he's progressed a lot since then. He's scored for us and he's fast and nippy. He's caused quite a few problems for opposition sides."

NICK DELIGIANNIS (Forward): "Nick's only played the odd game but he's a hard worker and his time will come. I'd like to see him scoring more and I'm encouraging him to be stronger and more determined."

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CANTERBURY	13	5	3	46	23	31
FAIRY MEADOW	13	4	4	25	13	30
SUTHERLAND	10	7	4	38	20	27
MELITA EAGLES	11	4	6	36	20	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	8	5	7	27	21	24
Rockdale Ilinden	8	6	7	27	19	22
Avala	7	7	7	24	22	21
Manly	4	9	8	18	25	17
Polonia	7	3	11	33	47	17
Uruguay	3	8	10	16	30	14
Narrabeen	2	9	10	15	37	13
Bankstown	2	6	13	15	44	10

TOP SCORERS

- 12 - Stefan Janic (Polonia)
- 11 - Don Allan (ME)
- 10 - Ross Brown (RI)
- 9 - Borges (CM), Pop (P)
- 8 - Walker (ME)
- 7 - Dounis, Silva, Kirwan (CM), Beggs (S), Hastie (U)

THIS WEEK'S FINAL ROUND

Sunday At Jenson Park BANKSTOWN v FAIRY MEADOW; At Mona Park URUGUAY v MANLY; At Knights Park AVALA v KURINGAI; at Chopin Park POLONIA v ROCKDALE; At Narrabeen, NARABEEN v CANTERBURY; At Melita Stadium MELITA v SUTHERLAND.

FAIRY MEADOW 0 URUGUAY 1 (Hasty Pen 6th) at Corrimond

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 — White 7, Beringer 7, Jones 8, Morland 8 — Piel 6 (Mentechi 70th), Bradley 6 (Fleming 60th), Mowbray 6, Richardson 7 — Fontana 6, Gerald 6.

URUGUAY: Tabernaberry 8 — O'Donnell 7, Hasty 8, Krisovic 7, Piriz 7 — Fernandez 8, Estavillo 8, Benitez 7 — Arbelo 6 (Carriazo 73rd), Benales 7, Botero 7.

Gogic 6, Etherton 6, Pagano 7 — Holloway 7, J Barker 7, G. Williams 6.

CANTERBURY 2 (Hantz 49th, Kalogeros 50th) MELITA EAGLES 0 at Arlington

CANTERBURY: Hantz 2 — Karasopis 8, Radman 8, Pena 8, Hantz 8, Homazabal 7, Anagnosopoulos 7, Borges 8 — Kalogeros 7, Ortega 6 (Efthimidis 66th), Kirwan 8.

MELITA EAGLES: Mullen 5 — Laing 6, Wilson 6, McCoy 6, McCausland 6 (sent off 72nd) — Vial 6, Farquhar 6, Dotton 6 — Walker 6, Griffiths 6, Hensman 6.

MANY 2 (Pagano 10th-J. Baker 65th) AVALA 2 (Anderson 25th, Jeffry 63rd) at Cromer

MANLY 1: Barker 6 — Dennis 6, J. Dick 7, Pearce 7, S. Dick 6 — Gogic 6, Etherton 6, Pagano 7 — Holloway 7, J. Barker 7, G. Williams 6.

AVALA: Thurlew 7 — Barrett 6, Dobson 7, Lembray 7, Pratt 6 — Diveni 6, Brunetta 6, Coates 7 — Anderson 6, Jeffrey 7, Carey 7.

ROCKDALE ILIDEN 2 (Risteski 21st, D. Wilson 72nd), NARRABEEN 1 (Sandtner 15th) at Hurstville

ILIDEN: Kotschepas 7 — Blackburn 7, Pilovski 8, D. Wilson 8, Forester 7 — J. Wilson 7, Nastroski 8, Stavless 8, Paleogenos 6, Triantafyllou 7 (1st), Brown 5, Risteski 7.

NARRABEEN: Dean 7 — Hanley 7, D. Watt 8, Parfitt 6, Jones 6 — Griffin 6, Collings 6, A. Dean 7, Nacicovic 5 — Van Helden 5, Sandtner 5.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Hassan 80th) SUTHERLAND 1 (Beggs 55th) at Jenson Park

BANKSTOWN: El-Zein 7 — Hassan, Meekhan, Lahoud, Rajab — Green, Niceta, Agius — Antunes, Schepulis, Hosseini, Hassan.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 7 — Schumann 7, Delformo 7, Burrows 7, Headon 6 — Meades 6, Webber 7, Harrington 7, Rogers 6 — Beggs 6, Hall 5.

KURINGAI 2 (Bass 10th, 24th) POLONIA 2 (Janic 43rd Pen, 76th) at Parklands

KURINGAI: Lacey 7 — Keaveny 6, Bertram 8, Watson 8, Goldsworthy 8 — Gaigley 6, Bennett 7, Sutherland 8, Brookbank 8 — Nile 6, Bass 8.

POLONIA: Anderson 8 — Chou 7, Colluso 6, Vujinic 7, Geekie 6 — Dryz 7, Sobczyk 8, Mahamah 7, Kadar 6 — Janic 7, Bratkovic 5.

Grand opening at Moreland

Moreland officially opens its new clubrooms at Campbell Reserve, Coburg on September 4 and all former Moreland players are invited to the event.

The Mayor of Coburg will be the guest of honor and the official party and special guests will arrive at the ground at 1.30pm for lunch and the opening ceremony.

Moreland is one of the oldest clubs in Victoria. It was formed in 1882, mainly by British migrants, and has been at Campbell Reserve for over 50 years. Moreland was a founder member of the Victorian State League and was champion of the Premier Division in 1903, 37, 41, 42 and 1949. The club also won the Doherty Cup in 1941, 45, 50 and 1957.

Moreland's patron, Eric Heath, is vice president of the VSF.

Anyone interested in further details concerning the official opening of the new clubrooms should contact Moreland president Bobby Murdoch on 336 1471.

With one round of the State League remaining, it now is clear that Fairy Meadow has choked on the line with Canterbury about to break the tape first this week when it meets Narrabeen at Narrabeen Sports Centre.

Fairy Meadow suffered its third defeat in six games and with only two wins in the last seven outings has slipped to second place. The side from the South Coast lost to a much improved Uruguay at Corrimond last week and could have lost by an even greater margin had a goal by Boteri been allowed.

As it was, it was a penalty by Hasty after only six minutes was sufficient to separate the sides.

At Canterbury's home ground, Arlington Oval, few could guarantee before the match that the Berries could upset Melita. And after the first 45 minutes it looked as if Melita would swamp Canterbury. But Melita failed to apply itself during the second period and Canterbury won through goals by Hantzis and Kalogeros.

Bankstown 1
Sutherland 1

At Jenson Park
Scorers: Beggs 55th, Hassan 80th

Bankstown and Sutherland shared the spoils at Jenson Park much to the displeasure of Sutherland's Johny Lavin. Sutherland always looked the superior and faster team but never was in control of its shooting boots.

Jimmy Webber missed a couple, Mark Harrington hit the post from point blank range, Peter Beggs also missed as well as Meades.

It was Sutherland's afternoon of benevolence, almost as bad as the previous week when Sutherland gave away its biggest chance of the season to catch up with Meadow by losing to Canterbury.

This time it was even worse. Bankstown, already relegated, played for its pride.

However, the benevolent boys from Sutherland laid it on the home side, but to no avail.

Bankstown managed only one point from this match, hardly sufficient to get close enough to Narrabeen or Uruguay in search of escape.

Manly Warr 2
Avala 2

At Cromer Park
Scorers: Pagano 10th, J. Barker 65th, Anderson 25th, Jeffrey 63rd.

This was one of the most exciting matches yet at Cromer Park in 1985. With neither club vying for anything but healthy respect it was time to open up and enjoy this game of football.

Both sides stormed forward with little regard for defence. First, Richard Alagich, the coach of Manly, had come up with an innovative idea. Before the match he had greeted his players in the dressing room then left. His parting words were: "At this time I find it necessary to let you decide how to play. I leave you to it and I hope that you enjoy yourself."

Vic Daigleish might have come up with a different idea of motivating his players but the end product was that both sets of players enjoyed this encounter and showed a lot of aggression. And for the first time this year Glen Jeffery showed the kind of aggression demand-

ed of him by Daigleish at the start of the season. He scored a goal and looked menacing throughout.

Pagano headed Manly into the lead almost from the start but Avala came back through Anderson in the 25th. A shot by Jeffery was not held by Barker and Anderson chimed in to score.

Avala went ahead through Jeffery in the 63rd. He was almost in an identical position to that of Pagano in the first half to rise high and head past Barker.

Only two minutes later, Manly replied through Barker. He latched onto a partial clearance from Lembray to score.

Rockdale 2
Narrabeen 1

At Hurstville
Scorers: Risteski 21st, D. Wilson 72nd, Sandtner 15th.

Gary Sandtner shot Narrabeen into the lead very early suggesting that Narrabeen was in for at least one point.

Jimmy Risteski played a 1-2 with Paleogenos before rounding Narrabeen's fullback to beat Peter Dean for the equaliser in the 21st and set the stage for Ilinden to attack.

Ilinden has shown much improvement in the past few games. Void of hassles over the top four, Ilinden showed its class by moving the ball about and constantly keeping pressure on Peter Dean.

And just when it looked that Narrabeen would get away with yet another draw, Darren Wilson chimed into spoil the plans by scoring Ilinden's winner in the 72nd.

Ilinden, an easy winner over Melita the previous week showed once more that it is going to be a force in the near future. Ross Brown has scored 10 goals this year but has missed many more. He is still third top scorer in the league but he had scored from half of the chances offered here he would have been on top.

Nastroski, Pilovski, Risteski and Slavesci have shown exceptional improvement in the second half of the premiership and will be the backbone of the side for 1986.

Since Srbivniski, the club's secretary, was very hopeful that some improvements in the playing staff would be sought in the off-season. The club is also discussing the possibility of getting at least one if not two top players from Yugoslavia next year.

However, during the first half it was looking very difficult indeed for Raul Blanco as Melita came forward and certainly looked the better team. At least their good scoring chances went begging as Canterbury struggled to keep alive.

Then, in a matter of two minutes, Canterbury sealed it. Spiro Hantzis took a free kick

in the 49th, Mullen muffed it and the Berries led 1-0, then in came Kalogeros only a minute later to clinch victory with a well taken goal.

Kalogeros came in for Marcos Silva and played well enough to keep his spot this week.

However, Silva and Borges,

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NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC



been last time the two sides met, would be two players Blanco would be looking to in search of success.

Canterbury, regarded by most as an outside chance to reach the top four, is riding high. Its strength is at the back, with Hummell, Radman, Hatzis, Pena and Karaspiros.

Nelio Borges is the real star of this side. His skills unparalleled in the National League, came to the fore this year giving Canterbury that much needed edge.

So once again Blanco is in the news — this time as a winner.

Well, almost, with just one game to go.

"We must get at least a point this Sunday and I want my players to treat this match as the most important in the club's history, not as a walk-over," said Blanco, commenting on Canterbury's clash with Narrabeen.

Kuringai 2
Polonia 2

At Parklands
Scorers: Bass 10th, 24th, Janic 43rd Pen, 76th

Stefan Janic was Polonia's hero again as he slotted two goals past Lacey to give his side yet another point and a chance to overcome the Sea Eagles in the fight for eighth spot on the league ladder.

At the same time, Janic has taken the field as the top scorer in State League after the only Saturday fixture of the 21st round. His first goal came at the most opportune time for the visitors. Down 0-2 and staring at their first loss in six rounds, Polonia struck in the 43rd. A cross from the right eluded most but the unfortunate Craig Bass. He struck his arm out and struck the ball as it flew across the penalty area and referee Peter Rampsey pointed to the spot.

Janic converted and Polonia went in at the break a goal down.

Earlier, Craig Bass was devastating, scoring two goals, the first in the 10th minute. Lee Watson found Brookbank and a cross by the agile midfielder found Bass heading past Anderson beaten again.

Both sides missed sitters during the first and then again during the second before Polonia scored its equaliser.

The speed of Janic and confusion in Kuringai's defence saw Albury youngster break through to face Lacey. The Kuringai keeper could do little to stop Janic and scores were level.



Fairy Meadow's Maurizio Montecchi — came on in the 70th minute for Richard Piel but was unable to save his side from slumping to a shock 0-1 defeat at the hands of Uruguay.

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hoven 0, Haarlem 0, Groningen 3, Utrecht
2, VVV Venlo 0, Feyenoord Dordrecht 5
Heracles 1, GA Eagles Deventer 3, Roda
JC'63 1, NEC Nijmegen 1, Sparta
Rotterdam 0.

Weekend results: Roda JC Kerkrade 2
Feyenoord Rotterdam 0, Heracles Almelo
2, Utrecht 3, VVV Venlo 1, Haarlem 1.
Sittard 2, Deventer 0, PSV Eindhoven 3,
Fortune Sittard 1, AZ'67 Alkmaar 1
Ajax Amsterdam 2, MVV Maassluis 0
Twente Enschede 0, Excelsior Rotterdam
1, Sparta Rotterdam 3, GA Eagles
Deventer 3, NEC Nijmegen 1.

Leading Standings

Groningen	2	1	0	4	0	6
Utrecht	2	0	1	3	0	9
Roda JC	Kerkrade	2	0	1	3	2
Den Bosch		2	0	1	6	2
Feyenoord	Dordrecht	2	0	1	6	4
GA Eagles	Deventer	3	0	1	6	4
NEC Nijmegen	1	0	1	6	3	4

VUGOSLAVIA

Mid week results: Oujez 3, Vardar

Skopje 0, Dinamo Vinkovci 1, Zeljeznicar
Sarajevo 1, Pristina 1, Hajduk Split 0,

Sarajevo 3, Stjepanik Niksic 1, Velez Mostar 2, Zvezda Belgrad 2, Dinamo Zagreb 1,
Rudar 1, Red Star Belgrad 1, Vojvodina 3

OFK Bolgrad 4, Cetin Zenica 4, Sloboda

Tuzla 1, Rijeka 0, Dinamo Zagreb 0.

Weekend results: Vardar Skopje 2, Par-

tizan Belgrad 2, Botija Niksic 5, Velez

Mostar 2, Zvezda Belgrad 2, Sarajevo 1,
Sloboda Tuzla 2, Dinamo Vinkovci 1, Red

Star Belgrad 3, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1,
Buducnost Titograd 4, Osijek 0, OFK Bel-

grad 1, Cetin Zenica 0, Hajduk Split 1

Dinamo Zagreb 0.

WEST GERMANY

Results: Kaiserauswahl 3, Eintracht

Frankfurt 1, Bochum 3, Hessen 2, Stuttgart

5, Eintracht Braunschweig 3, Mainz 3

Essen 1, Kickers Offenbach 1, Bayern

Munich 3, Weri Werder Bremen 7, Ans-

bach 0, Waldhof Mannheim 3, Buerstadt 1

Bayer, Uerdingen 3, TSV 1860 Munich 3

Deutsche 1, SV Wehen Wiesbaden 3

3, Eschbach 1, Schalke 2, Goettingen 1

Saerbecker 0, Nuernberger 2, Borussia

Dortmund 9, Eintracht 7.

ITALY

Results: Genoa 1, Fiorentina 1, Per-

ugia 0, Juventus 8, Casertana 2, Monza 3

Palermo 0.

Group Two: Pescara 0, Padova 1,

Salamantica 1, Lecco 2, Vicenza 1, Napoli 0.

Group Three: Atalanta 2, Lazio 2, Ca-

tania 0, Sampdoria 0, Monopoli 1, Taranto 1.

Group Four: Avellino 4, Ancona 0, Ce-

ntena 1, Empoli 1, Internazionale 3, Bres-

cia 1.

Group Five: Bologna 2, Cremonese 3

Parma 3, Pisa 4, Verona 2, Parma 0.

Group Six: Arzca 1, Genoa 1, Capri

0, Milan 1, Reggina 1, Salernitana 1

Genoa 1, Roma 1, Torino 1, Sampdoria 1,

Trieste 1, Verona 2, Varese 1, Triestina 1.

Midweek results:

Group One: Parma 0, Juventus 0.

Group Two: Empoli 1, Parma 1.

Group Three: Napoli 0, Pescara 0.

Padova 1, Vicenza 1.

Group Four: Taranto 1, Sampdoria 4,

Monza 2, Ancona 2.

FRANCE

Demol: Paris, Saint-Germain 2, Reims

0, Nancy 1, Lyon 2, Strasbourg 3, Bes-

ancon 2, Lille 2, Le Havre 1, Monaco 3

Toulouse 0, Toulon 1, Lille 1, Metz 3

Dieppe 0, Reims 1, Nancy 3, Ni-

ce 0.

NATIONAL Under 16

Championship at Monash Uni-

versity.

GROUP A: Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales, ACT.

GROUP B: Western Australia, Northern New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania.

Monday, September 2: Vic-

toria v Queensland 9.30 am, Western Australia v Northern



• The Victorian under 16's, back row: Tim White (coach), M. Tadic, R. Runje, N. Ousaklis, A. Eacott, J. Hatzilou, A. Micevski, T. Kalfoglou, J. Caran, M. Seward, K. White. Middle row: G. Jolevski, Z. Gagula, J. Markovic, P. Trimble, C. Cooper, A. Marth, D. Turner, A. Grabc, M. Branov, A. Alexander (team manager). Front row: S. Brimmer, A. Sustjara, G. Lo Grasso, S. Thodis, R. Carrero, P. Jamieson.



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

N.S.W. 10.30 am, New South Wales v A.C.T. 2.30 pm, South Australia v Tasmania 3.30 pm.

Tuesday, September 3: Victoria v New South Wales 9.30 am, Western Australia v South Australia 10.30 am, Tasmania v Victoria 2.30 pm, Northern N.S.W. v Tasmania 3.30 pm.

Wednesday, September 4: Queensland v New South Wales 9.30 am, Northern N.S.W. v South Australia 10.30 am, Victoria v A.C.T. 2.30 pm, Western Australia v Tasmania 3.30 pm.

Thursday, September 5 — Play off games and semi final from 9.30 am.

Friday, September 6, place games from 9.30 am. And final at Olympic Park No 1 Ground 3 pm.

The squads:

South Australian: 1, Stephen Spencer (Cumberland), 2, Gary Mackie (Para Hills), 3, Tom Saville (West Adel), 4, Chris Gorss (Hobartian Adel), 5, Michael Van De Kamp (Para Hills), 6,

Harry Alexiou (West Adel), 7, Amerigo Cingilia (Polonia Adelade), 8, Scott Darroch (Para Hills), 9, Matti Marinic (Shambles), 10, Mark Brazale (Beograd), 11, Stephen Ordish (Salisbury), 12, Diego Ortriz (Adelaide City), 13, Stephen Cooney (Salisbury), 14, Tony Raine (Port Lincoln), 15, Ian Thackray (Para Hills), Manager/Coach Nick Bojanic, Asst/Manager Coach David Baker, Trainer Nick Joy, Technical Director Mike Lewis, Colors Red & Yellow.

Tasmania: 1, Damien Smith (Metro Claremont), 2, Matthew Drew (White Eagles), 3, Matthew Gasparin (Jubilee), 4, Brett Stannett (South Hobart), 5, Grant Pitt (Metro Claremont), 6, Peter Dobson (Metro Claremont), 7, Mark Startup (Metro Claremont), 8, John Ellings (Launceston), 9, Matrice, 10, Andrew Morris (Bunbury), 11, Ricky Mcleod (Launceston Juniors), 12, Ricky Honey (Metro Claremont), 13, Graig Cooper (Launceston United), 14, Ricardo Giannini (Jubilee), 15, Robert Cathcart (South Hobart), 16, Simon Miotto (Launceston United), 17, Andrew Frazer (Launceston United), Manager, Coach David Smith, Assistant Coach/Physiotherapist Darren Williams, Colours Green & Gold.

Victoria: 1, Alex Eacott (Morwell), 2, Jim Hatzilou (West Adel), 3, Andrew Petterson (Tricolore), 4, Nino Zec (Baywater Inter), 5, Ray Brynjulfson (Bunbury), 6, Craig McNamee (Bunbury), 7, Neil Garlan (Athens), 8, Gareth Nave (Baywater Inter), 9, 7. Arton D'Souza (Klev), 10, Clifford Collas (Baywater Inter), 11, 9. Michael Mitchell (Bunbury), 12, Darren Freeman (Gosnells), 13, Adrian Turton (Gosnells), 12, Orlando Coll (Azurri), 13, Lee Pearson (Caledonian), 14, Jonathon Mitchell (Hawksdale), 15, Vaughan Osborne (Park Caleb), 16, Paul Masten (Dalmatian), Manager John Hammond, Coach Mike Leigh, Physiotherapist Ken Wheate, Manager, Coach, Asst/Manager, Colours Blue & Gold, Alternative Black & White Shirts.

ACT: 1, Jeff Hargreaves (Narrabundah), 2, Richard Arrants (Narrabundah), 3, Peter Dinchell (Narrabundah Under 16s), 4, Paul Hammill (Belconnen Under 16s), 5, Nicholas Kelly (Grammar), 6, Michael Laenza (Narrabundah), 7, Robby Lomax (Narrabundah), 8, Alton Martinello (West Creek), 9, Nick Moullis (Canberra Olympians), 10, Alan Rankine (Belconnen Under 16s), 11, Craig Sutcliffe (Grammar), 12, Michael Thompson (Belconnen Under 16s), 13, Nelson Vella (Belconnen Canberra Under 16s), 14, Brian Watkins (Belconnen Under 16s), 15, Michael Chapman (Belconnen Under 16s), 16, Michael Seward (Dundas), Manager, Coach Tim White, Assistant to the coach Alan Alexander, Physiotherapist Greg Cunningham, Manager, Coach, Beveridge, Colours Navy & White.

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Robert Mountford, Massue: Robert Gray, Colours: White with Black Trim.

NSW: 1, George Bouhosas (Sydney Olympic), 2, Michael Bennett (North Sydney), 3, Michael Ryan (Sydney City), 4, Peter Boyle (Blacktown), 5, Brett Budwee (Nepean), 6, Russell Gendle (Blacktown), 7, Dean Radcliffe (APIA), 8, Klaus Okon (Dural), 9, David St. George (St. George), 10, George Noutsis (Sydney Olympic), 11, Chris Ackery (Nepean), 12, Bill Platiskas (Sydney Olympic), 13, Peter Bennett (Nepean), 14, Michael Goss (Cairns), 15, Sean Senti (Sydney City), 16, Paul Haywood (Blacktown), Manager: E. Amed, Coach: C. Williamson, Director of Coaching: A. Vent, Manager: T. Anastasi, Colours: Sky Blue, Navy Blue.

QUEENSLAND: 1, Jason Milligan (Grange Thistle), 2, John Carle (North Star), 3, Jason Burne (Redlands), 4, Matthew Price (South Caloundra), 5, Michael Simsek (Brisbane Lions), 6, Tiziano Meresini (Gold Coast), 7, Damian Butler (Ipswich), 8, Justin Kilshaw (Grange Thistle), 9, Scott Rackley (Grange Thistle), 10, Craig Daniel (Grange Thistle), 11, Daniel D'Onise (Acacia Ridge), 12, Darren Mair (North Star), 13, Matthew Gleibert (North Star), 14, Alan Simsek (Brisbane Lions), 15, Peter Bennett (South Caloundra), 16, Neal Cotter (Tamarillo), Manager: Ian Daletz, Coach: Bruce Stowell, Physiotherapist: John Hulme, Colours: Maroon.



VICTORIAN UNDER 15 SQUAD

THE PLAYERS: Steven Mautone (Myrtleford), Frank Valentic (Melb. Croatia), Lube Ogrenovski (Sun. Geo. Cross), Scott McDaid (Knox City), Marin Radobuljac (Juventus), Andrew Mazzagatti (Knox), Damjan Mori (Box Hill), John Markovski (Sun. Geo. Cross), George Lagadinos (Caulfield), Rino Carozza (Juventus), Vincent Salvatore (Waverley), George Alevizos (Sun. Geo. Cross), Guilo Avian (Polonia), Steven Baldacchino (Newborough SC), Bill Nalpantidis (Heidelberg), Paul Malcolm (Meadow-Park). Coach: Tony Dunkerley. Manager: Alan Wanke

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12.30pm — VIC v QLD
2.00pm — NT v NSW
3.30pm — SA v NSW

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11.30am — ACT v NT
1.15pm — WA v NSW
2.45pm — VIC v SA

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10.00am — SA v NT
12.30pm — WA v QLD
1.15pm — VIC v NNSW
2.45pm — ACT v NSW

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER
10.00am — NNSW v NSW
11.30am — SA v ACT
1.15pm — WA v VIC
2.45pm — NT v QLD

THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
10.00am — ACT v VIC
11.30am — NSW v NT
1.15pm — QLD v SA
2.45pm — WA v NNSW

FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER
10.00am — WA v NT
11.30am — NNSW v SA
1.15pm — NSW v VIC
2.45pm — QLD v ACT

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER
10.00am — NSW v QLD
11.30am — WA v SA
1.30pm — NNSW v ACT
2.45pm — NT v VIC

3.30pm Closing Ceremony & Presentations

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Hail Hellas kids!

South Melbourne Hellas under-12s fly to Sydney on Saturday night and over the coming week will take on teams from Marconi, Sydney Croatia, APIA Leichhardt and Earlwood.

Coach John Kostopoulos, who plays with Victorian Third Division club Port Melbourne and is one of the favourites to take out that league's best and fairest award, must have one of the most lethal forward lines in the Victorian junior leagues.

His three forwards have scored 103 goals this season as the team clinched the championship and is set for a great double when it meets Preston Makedonia on September 14 in the final of the JLMC Under-12 Cup.

Hellas' fans will be pleased to learn that the son of one of their all-time greats is having an outstanding season with the under-12s. Lachlan Armstrong, whose father Jim was renowned as a goalscorer, scored his 50th goal of the season two weeks ago against South Parkmore.

The Hellas under-12s have scored 147 goals in league and cup games this season and conceded just 11.

PICTURED: South Melbourne Hellas under-12s. Back row: John Kostopoulos (coach), Peter Kyrykis, Peter Chotellis, Jim Karakirikos, Michael Kouris, Mina Teleiatou, Spiros Karnezis, Michael Valkanis. Front: Chris Kringoudis, Arthur Kalazakos, Liam Morrey, Nick Panageotakopoulos, Lachlan Armstrong, Ari Dollas, Bill Angiopoulos. Missing: Jim Kostopoulos.



Betty Hoar

Q'land girls defend title

South Queensland will fight desperately to hold its title in the national women's championships at Wembley Park, Box Hill (Vic).

The round robin series will be played from today (Wednesday) to Friday, September 6 with all States and territories competing.

The Queenslanders almost unbeatable combination has been coach Fred Robins and captain and midfield general Susan Monteath.

Home side Victoria will field three current internationals in Jane Oakley, Tracey Singleton and goalkeeper Jones.

Meanwhile, Victorian Betty Hoar has been appointed manager of the Australian team and she aims to see the national team do well in the Oceanian tournament in New Zealand next March.

• Draw for the national titles:

Israelis beaten

• Israel commenced its European tour in unconvincing style. First up opponent, Hampsing, an amateur team, should have been disposed of easily, but instead provided many moments of embarrassment before succumbing 6-2. Eli Ohana (4) and Roni Rosenthal (2) scored the Israeli goals.

A few days later, Israel met part-time professionals Sp Vegg Unterhaching of the Bavarian Regional League (roughly equivalent to the English Third Division) and lost 0-21.

The originally planned English leg of the tour has been abandoned, as no worthwhile fixtures could be arranged. Instead, the team is to train in Holland.

• The Qatari federation has dismissed Brazilian Dipo Sami as national team coach after it only finished fourth in the re-

AROUND THE WORLD

Franz Beckenbauer celebrates his 40th birthday next month with every sign that he will remain in charge of a revitalised West German national team for the next three years.

Within 12 months, Beckenbauer has restored the confidence of a side which sank to the depths of despondency after failing to reach the semi-finals of last year's European Championship in France.

• Sunderland has acquired German international Frank Gray from Leeds United for a £60,000 transfer fee.

• Argentinian international Jorge Burragacha has moved to Nantes (France) from Independiente. The transfer fee was \$800,000.

• The European Football Union (UEFA) has brought forward the finals of its club competitions to give World Cup teams more time to prepare for the finals in Mexico next June. The European Champions' Cup final will be held on May 7 instead of May 14, the Cup-Winners' Cup final on May 2 rather than May 7, while the two-leg UEFA Cup final will be staged on April 30 and May 6 or 8.

Franz is in it for the fun of it

From STANLEY PARKER

firmness and charismatic leadership the job needs.

Now, after constantly evading questions about his future, Beckenbauer has confirmed he is willing to carry on after Mexico.

After looking over his plans with West German Soccer Federation president Hermann Neuberger, he told reporters recently: "I am ready in principle to continue — at least until the 1988 European Championships in West Germany."

Many believe a formal announcement could come in Stockholm on September 25 if West Germany clinches its place in Mexico by beating Sweden.

Beckenbauer, who has often made his future with the team dependent on World Cup qualification, once said: "Failure to qualify will mean I was the wrong man (for the job). In that case I will stop immediately."

But his success has pushed the makeshift nature of his position out of the public mind. Few fans can envisage anyone else with the right blend of

He said even the disastrous, exploratory tour of Mexico in June, in which an unacclimated West German team lost 3-0 to England and 2-0 to the World Cup host, had a positive side: revealing the new spirit in the squad.

Former national trainer Helmut Schoen had arranged a similar end-of-season tour in the past, Beckenbauer admitted that most of the Bayern players would have declined to go.

This time striker Klaus Allofs accompanied the team although an ankle injury ruled out any chance of him playing.

KICK OFF TIMES	WED 2/9	THUR 3/9	FRI 4/9	SAT 31/8	SUN 1/9	MON 2/9	TUE 3/9	WED 4/9	THUR 5/9	FRI 6/9
10.00am	TAS-NY	NT-WA	SQ-VIC	SA-NT	TAS-NSW		VIC-ACT	NSW-WA	ACT-SQ	WA-SA
11.30am	NSW-ACT	SA-SQ	TAS-NSW	SQ-TAS	ACT-SA		VIC-NSW	VIC-NSW	NSW-VIC	NT-NSW
1.00pm	SQ-NSW	ACT-TAS	NNSW-SA	VIC-WA	NT-VIC		SA-NSW	ACT-NT	WA-TAS	NSW-SQ
2.30pm	VIC-SA	NSW-NSW	WA-ACT	NSW-ACT	SQ-WA		SQ-NT	SA-TAS	NT-NSW	TAS-VIC
	BYE	WA	VIC	NT	NNSW	NSW	TAS	SO	SA	ACT

REST DAY

La Juventus e' tornata ad essere la Juventus come ai tempi belli

La Juventus di Melbourne e' nella finalissima del girone meridionale della Lega Nazionale dopo aver battuto perentoriamente l'Heidelberg (2-0) e il South Melbourne Hellas (1-0) e domenica prossima affronterà perciò la vincente dell'incontro di questa sera, fra il Preston e l'Hellas, per il diritto di battersi con la squadra vincente della finalissima del girone settentrionale per il titolo di "Campione d'Australia".

Il fatto e' eccezionale per se stesso, ma assume un tono particolarmente esaltante, quasi di insperata rivincita, alla luce della storia recente del club bianconero.

Quando gli indici gladiatori bianconeri sono usciti dal campo domenica sera non avevano semplicemente battuto la squadra campione d'Australia: avevano cancellato quasi quindici anni di mediocrità, di umiliazioni piu' o meno scottanti; avevano dimostrato che ormai il club era uscito definitivamente dalla lunga serie di paralizzanti problemi finanziari e paurosi sbandamenti amministrativi che piu' di una volta avevano minacciato la sua sopravvivenza.

La Juventus domenica scorsa e' tornata ad essere la Juventus! Sembrava proprio che gli ultimi (lungissimi!) quindici anni non erano mai esistiti. L'Olympic Park straripante di folla come ai bei tempi, il grido di "Juve! Juve!" che punteggiava le fasi salienti della partita con lo stesso tono di sicurezza e di convinzione di quando "Juventus" a Melbourne era sinonimo di strateganza, di grandezza, di primi della classe!

Tifosi vecchi e nuovi hanno finalmente respirato a pieni polmoni l'aria di trionfo; hanno goduto la pienezza dell'ammirazione degli sportivi greci, macedoni e di altre nazionalità che apertamente o velatamente li consideravano "i privilegiati, i fortunati" come negli anni in cui la Juventus dettava legge.

Il trionfo di domenica sera, come i fedelissimi sanno anche troppo bene, non e' avvenuto per miracolo o dalla mattina alla

sera. Ha richiesto molto tempo, molti sacrifici, molto lavoro di molte persone. Ma siamo sicuri di non fare torto a nessuno di quelli che vi hanno contribuito in maniera, in forma ed in tempi diversi dicendo che a questo trionfo e' principalmente legato il nome di Tony Schiavello, l'attuale presidente bianconero.

Il suo entusiasmo, la sua caparbietà, il suo ottimismo a tutti i costi, la sua ferrea volontà di volere una squadra vincente e di assumersi la responsabilità di decisioni rischiose, hanno fatto la differenza fra un buon presidente di una buona squadra e l'eccezionale presidente di una squadra eccezionale.

Percio', a nome dell'intera tifoseria bianconera e a nome di tutte le migliaia di italiani che pur non seguendo la squadra da vicino ne godono ugualmente dei trionfi per quel senso di inestinguibile orgoglio nazionale, vogliamo esprimere a Tony Schiavello (e a tutta la sua famiglia che ha abbracciato la causa juventina con altrettanto ardore) la gratitudine piu' profonda ed il ringraziamento piu' sincero per aver portato a termine questa insperata impresa di rimettere la Juventus all'apice del calcio Australiano.

E non stiamo cantando vittoria prima del tempo! Le prossime partite di questo torneo finale potranno essere coronate dal successo come potranno anche non esserlo perch' tutti sappiamo che la palla e' rotonta. Il fatto importante e' che la Juventus si batterà per i massimi allori del clacso nazionale;

la vittoria piu' importante

e che piu' esprime la ritrovata solidità di squadra e dell'amministrazione del club e appunto quella completata domenica scorsa dopo il campionato e dopo il torneo eliminatorio. Da oggi in poi il resto e' solo un di piu' che verrà assegnato dalla dea bendata, spesso molto capricciosa.

Passando

ad alcune considerazioni sulle due parti della settimana scorsa, dobbiamo rilevare che le due vittorie della Juventus sono state conquistate grazie soprattutto a brillanti prestazioni di assieme e a ferree discipline in campo.

Sia contro l'Hellas si e'

vista una Juventus che giocava come un solo uomo, come un'orchestra affiatata, tuta in sintonia in cui ogni strumento fa la sua parte, dai tamburi ai violini. Pochi solisti, pochi acuti ma nessuna stonatura; perciò un'armonia completa e vincente.

Il reparto difensivo e'

stato il classico baluardo isomortale che ha assorbito tutta la pressione avversaria fino a stremarli; il centrocampo era fatto di difesa avanzata ed attacco arretrato; gli avanti hanno pazientemente lavorato ai fianchi della difesa avversaria fino a smantellarle e piazzare il colpo da KO.

Le due partite e le due esaltanti vittorie hanno perciò esatto il loro prezzo. La quella di mercoledì l'irresistibile Zanni si e' fortunato nell'azione travolge della rete che ha sbloccato il risultato contro l'Heidelberg e ha dovuto fare da spettatore domenica sera al suo posto e' rientrato un Cullen non in perfette condizioni

fisiche che domenica prossima potrebbe risentire ancora di piu' la massacrante maratona di 120 minuti contro l'Hellas.

La durezza dell'incontro contro la squadra greca ha lasciato diversi giocatori con acciacchi vari e, purtroppo, due di loro hanno raggiunto il massimo dei punti di penalizzazione e dovranno osservare giornate di qualifica (Dowie per un turno e Peter Lewis per due turni).

Margaritis dovrà perciò fare a meno di due perni essenziali della sua brillante difesa. Probabilmente egli indietreggerà Petersen nella posizione di libero e darà il battesimo del fuoco al giovane Durakov in quella di terzino destro; in avanti dovrà rientrare Zanni con Cullen che tornerebbe a centrocampo e Wade al centro del centrocampo in coppia con Miranda.

Solo stasera si saprà che sara' l'avversaria di domenica per la Juventus; Preston o Hellas avranno di fronte una squadra decisa ma sicuramente decisiva a fare suol il titolo di campione del girone meridionale e il diritto a battearsi per il titolo nazionale.

Nel girone settentrionale anche il Marconi ha passato il turno dopo una epica battaglia di 120 minuti contro il Sydney Olympic (decisa ai rigori) e questa sera affronterà il Croatia per il diritto di affrontare il Sydney City nella finalissima di domenica.

Quindi due squadre italiane sono ancora in lizza con ottime probabilità di successo. Sperare in una finalissima nazionale tutta italiana e' forse sperare un po' troppo?

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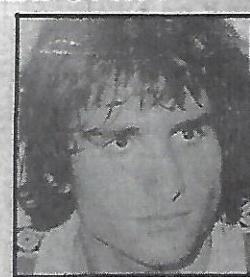
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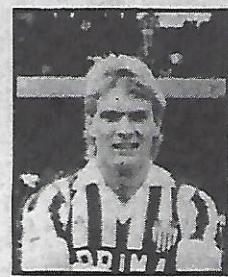
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